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Meredith Village in the Early 1900's

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We are most grateful for the loan of the picture on the cover by Mr. Jesse Allen. Looking down Main Street on the left is first the James Wilcox building which is the site of the Municipal Building. Next to it is the Hawkins Building which was rebuilt and became the Key Theatre Building. The next building has not changed materially and is owned by the Waldron family. At the foot of the street is the Beede Block, now owned by the Douglas Hansons.

Looking down the right hand side of the street, the first building is the Algonquin Inn, now the site of the Meredith Fruit Store. The next building was owned by Mrs. Solomon Lovejoy, and now houses the Guy U. Horne Agency. The third building is the Odd Fellow's Block, and the fourth is the Linen Mill Boarding house, which has been removed. The last on the right is the present Horne Block.

Annual Report of the Officers

of the

TOWN OF MEREDITH



For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31

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**In grateful Appreciation
for his many years of service in the
Meredith Fire Department
and the kindness he extended to the many
members of our Community**

**This Annual Report is
Dedicated
to**



V. Albert Sprague

Member of Fire Department 1916

Fire Chief October 4, 1943 to January 1, 1958

Length of Service in Department

40 years, 1 month

Town Officers

Meredith, New Hampshire

SELECTMEN

Bradbury Sprague (1973)	Bruce D. Heald (1974)
Roy L. Atteberry (1975)	
TOWN MANAGER	Earle D. Hardy
MODERATOR	Joseph D. Parkman
TOWN CLERK	Charlotte H. Straw
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	Louise I. Detscher
TREASURER	Normand E. Valliere
DEPUTY TREASURER	Bruce U. Sanderson
HEALTH OFFICER	Earle D. Hardy
TAX COLLECTOR	Earle D. Hardy
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	Mary C. Devine
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	Harold G. Wyatt
SEWER SUPERINTENDENT	O. Fred Rollins

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT

Marshall French	Robert M. Lawton
L. Keith Matheson	
MUNICIPAL COURT	
Justice: John H. Ramsey	
Assoc. Justice: Andrew J. Marks	Clerk: M. Jane Youngjohn

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrolman: Donald E. Belyea	Patrolman: Herbert E. Johnson, Jr.
Patrolman: John Skidds	
Kenneth Hill, Sergeant	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sherman B. Carter, Chief
1st Asst. Chief: Vernal C. Bucklin
2nd Asst. Chief: John W. Bryant, Jr.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Gilbert W. MacIntyre (1973)	Kenneth W. Russell (1974)
Richard S. Woodaman (1975)	

WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT: Robert B. Woodaman

WATER DEPARTMENT TREASURER Earle D. Hardy

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS COMMISSION

Chairman: Bradford R. Quimby (1973)

Robert L. Kroupa (1974)

Richard W. Detscher (1974)

Stephen H. Nedeau (1975)

Lawrence Swain (1975)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Clyde C. Brown (1975)

Willard S. Grad (1973)

Henry H. Stark (1974)

CHECK LIST SUPERVISORS

Susan H. French (1974)

Lydia M. Torr (1976)

Dorothy Forsberg (1976)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Chairman: John Sherman (1974)

Treas.: Arthur N. Allen (1974)

Sec.: Lois M. Treloar (1973)

Kent Bird (1975)

Aglaia Rouvalis (1973)

Elizabeth E. Potter (1975)

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman: Clifford Ulm, Jr. (1976)

Sec. & Vice-Chm.: Weld S. Robinson (1973)

Helen W. Montana (1975)

Charles George (1973)

Harry E. Page (1974) Resigned

Edwin D. Hanson (1975)

Jason R. Blais (1974)

Roy L. Atteberry

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Harold L. Pierson

N. Morey Eames

Charles Woodman

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Charles George (1974)

AUDITORS

State Tax Commission

LEGAL COUNSEL

John H. Ramsey

DIRECTOR of CIVIL DEFENSE

Donald E. Crumb

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Bradbury Sprague

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chairman: Leo T. Kershaw — 9-9-73

Alternates Wilfred R. Canney — Normand E. Valliere

John P. Sherman — 9-9-74

Mary Robertson — 9-9-75

Charles L. Woodman — 9-9-76

Page Sanderson 9-9-77

Clerk, Dorothy Forsberg

Report of Selectmen and Town Manager

The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager are pleased to submit this Annual Town Report to our residents and property owners. We have dedicated this report to the late Albert Sprague, a man who was well known throughout the Town of Meredith for his many years as Chief of the Fire Department and meeting the trains with his taxi service. Albert Sprague was a most loyal and dedicated citizen of our community.

We believe you may be interested in some of the accomplishments for 1972. This report will serve to introduce records of Town Meetings held during the year, followed by the list of Articles to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting and the Budget for 1973. The remainder of the report is made up of financial statements, various detailed reports and vital statistics.

We hope you will bring this report with you to Town Meeting and use it for reference. It also might be found useful throughout the year with the updated emergency information on the back cover.

The first phase of the sewer extension on Oak Street Extension has been completed, and several buildings are being served by it, including the Winnipesaukee Cruiser Sales at the extreme southerly end of the extension.

Radio equipment has been installed in our communications center, keeping our Police Department in contact with State and County law enforcement agencies.

We obtained a new street sweeper soon after Town Meeting which did an outstanding job of keeping our Town clean from the time it arrived until snow fell.

A new shopping center was completed on Route 25 which is being served with sewer and water connections.

More fire alerting devices were purchased and installed in homes of firemen for better emergency communications.

A new contract for ambulance service was executed with Kemp-Symonds for a period of two years.

There have been improvements in our assessing procedures and tax records, all of which contribute to a better tax base; however as a result of the experience and research involved in maintaining a complete and equitable tax base, the Board recommends that a full-time assessor be employed since it rarely happens that a Selectmen has the opportunity to carry out the necessary assessing work in a Town such as Meredith where status and ownership of property is changing so rapidly.

During the past year, one member of the Board of Selectmen has probably spent more than an average of forty hours a week working on tax records; assessing property which the State appraisers do not handle, such as boats, mobile homes and minor construction; doing the preparatory work of assembling data and identifying property to be appraised by the State Tax Commission; checking those appraisals; and in ensuring that they are properly picked up in our tax records and on the tax

warrant. The thoroughness with which these many tasks are done vitally effects the fairness of our taxes and the size of our tax rate. It is felt that the savings in not having to employ personnel from the State Tax Commission in placing values on subdivisions and new property together with keeping a more complete inventory of taxable property would go far toward offsetting the salary of an assessor.

Looking ahead, we expect the increase in activity to continue as more people move to our area. Once again, we are asking the voters to consider acquiring and demolishing the old theatre building for future expansion of Municipal facilities, parking and eliminating a potential fire hazard.

We are seeking authorization to acquire and remove the Bechard house on Winnipesaukee Street to enhance the appearance of Scenic Park.

Authorization is also requested to acquire a green area for a public park situated on the westerly side of Waukewan Avenue and bordering on Waukewan Lake. Such a park is needed and opportunities of acquiring a suitable site are rare.

We are very much aware of the fact that our highways badly need attention and wish to have the sum of \$50,000.00 of our Revenue Sharing Funds allocated to an accelerated road improvement program. This amount, together, with our Highway Subsidy funds from the State in the amount of \$24,499.20 should help us accomplish some of the improvements in the condition of our highways which have been needed for some time.

It is estimated that the demand for services and related problems increase at the rate of about five percent per year which is closely in line with the growth of the Town. In order to administer the problem of this growth, the Board of Selectmen are of the opinion that engineering services are vital and necessary. This can be done by hiring engineering services whenever a need arises or we can employ a competent individual on a full or part time basis to represent the Town in making inspections of waste water disposal facilities, street construction, highway street maintenance work, water and sewer main installations and miscellaneous problems requiring special attention for protection of the best interests of the Town. The Board believes the cost of such a service could be allocated to the water, sewer and highway departments and relieve the Town Manager's Office of part of an increasing work load involving considerable responsibility.

We are all especially appreciative of the help and understanding we have experienced and will do our best to measure up to your expectations.

BRADBURY E. SPRAGUE, Chairman

BRUCE D. HEALD

ROY L. ATTEBERRY

Board of Selectmen

EARLE D. HARDY
Town Manager

Record of Annual Town Meeting

March 7, 1972

The Annual Town Meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Main Street in said Town was called to order by Joseph D. Parkman, Moderator, at 9:15 a.m. The Moderator read the first four Articles of the Town Warrant.

Motion was made and seconded to postpone Town Meeting until Wednesday night March 8, 1972 at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert Pottle Memorial Auditorium.

Affirmative vote

Number of Names on Check-list		2043
Total Number of Ballots cast		984
Straight Republican		293
Straight Democratic		143
Town Clerk for 3 years	Charlotte H. Straw	955
Town Treasurer 3 years	Normand E. Valliere	939
Selectman for 3 years	Roy I. Atteberry Ruth McHugh	634 323
Trustee of Trust Funds 3 yrs.	Clyde C. Brown Harry E. Plummer, Sr.	656 304
Library Trustees, 3 years	J. Kent Bird Elizabeth E. Potter Agalia Rouvalis Alice V. Weeks	580 536 404 344
Water Commissioner, 2 years	Rodney Treloar Richard Woodaman	442 486
Parks & Playgrounds Commissioners	Roger E. Carder Stephen H. Nedeau Lawrence Swain	479 530 483

And the following Candidates were declared by the Moderator to be elected:

Charlotte H. Straw, Town Clerk for 3 years; Normand E. Valliere, Treasurer for 3 years; Roy L. Atteberry, Selectman for 3 years; Clyde C. Brown, Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years; J. Kent Bird and Elizabeth E. Potter, Library Trustees for 3 years; Richard Woodaman, Water Commissioner for 3 years; Kenneth W. Russell, Water Commissioner for 2 years; Stephen H. Nedeau and Lawrence Swain, Parks and Playgrounds Commissioners.

ARTICLE 2: No action.

ARTICLE 3: To act on the following question: "Do you favor the

continuation of the Town Manager Plan as now in force in this Town?"

Yes 453

No 249

ARTICLE 4: To act on the following questions:

- 1) Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Proposed corrections and changes relate to: Planned Unit Development clarification, non conforming Lot of Record, lot size change from acreage to square footage, Appointment procedure for the Board of Adjustment and clarification of definitions.

Yes 520

No 300

- 2) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: From Residential to Residential Zone II allowing for Motels. This area lies on the Southerly side of Pleasant Street from the end of Commercial Zone at Winnipesaukee Street to Wagon Wheel Trail.

Yes 413

No 447

- 3) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Zone Change: Commercial to Residential Zone along the junction of Route 3 and 104, beginning of old Ladd Hill Road running to the present Residential on Route 104. (By request of the Planning Board)

Yes 554

No 283

The Business Meeting was called to order by Joseph D. Parkman, Moderator, March 8, 1972 at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert Pottle Memorial Auditorium at Inter-Lakes High School. Rev. Harold R. Patterson gave the invocation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the giving of any and-or all free monies to all associations or organizations, whether they be profit or non-profit. ("The words inserted by Petition.")

By motion of James Waldron which was seconded to insert "located outside of the Town of Meredith whether they be profit or non-profit." After a lengthy discussion Motion was defeated.

ARTICLE 6: Voted on under Article 3.

26: By motion of Nathan Torr it was moved and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,125.00 contingent upon matching funds from the Ford Foundation and-or any other private or public sources. These funds will be used by the Meredith Conservation

Commission for town environmental studies and technical assistance. (By request of Meredith Conservation Commission.)

By motion of Janet Grad it was moved and seconded to stop discussion.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 7: Motion was made by Marshall French which was seconded by James Waldron to dismiss the Article.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 8: By motion of Earle D. Hardy it was moved and seconded that the Town appropriate the sum of \$591,798.86 for the 1972 Budget as printed on pages 27, 28, and 29 of the Town Report, including the following changes: Interest on Bonds and Notes under "Indebtedness" should read \$14,527.25; and the sum of the items under "Indebtedness" should read \$86,177.25. The total budget should read \$591,798.86.

\$567,240.00 to be raised by taxation and \$24,558.86 from gasoline subsidy.

James Waldron questioned the increase in the Town Manager and Town Clerk's salaries. Marshall French advised Mr. Waldron that the Selectmen felt it was necessary.

Richard Kempton questioned repairing Town Hall, Bookkeeping Machine and why \$3000.00 more for salaries. Mr. Hardy explained.

Mrs. Peter Lunt asked how money was spent on Cemeteries. Marshall French explained.

Charles Chatterton remarked that if the Budget is within 1 percent they ought to have what they request.

ARTICLE 32: By motion of Brad Sprague it was moved and seconded that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for emergency ambulance service for a period of two years, rendered in the Town of Meredith in each of the two years, and authorize the Selectmen to establish a schedule of charges and make collections for same, and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$14,000.00 for this purpose; \$7,000.00 to be raised in 1972 and \$7,000.00 to be raised in 1973.

Peter Lunt made an amendment that the Selectmen accept the lowest bid. Marshall French explained the necessity of having the local Ambulance Service.

Dr. Vazifdar and Mrs. Deneault both spoke of the need of the Town Ambulance and the good work done by the local Ambulance.

Negative vote to Amendment.

Affirmative vote to original motion.

ARTICLE 9: By motion of Brad Sprague it was moved and seconded that the Town authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to

borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and issue notes therefore.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 10: By motion of Earle Hardy it was moved and seconded that the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell at auction tax-acquired property.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 11: By motion of Bruce Heald it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,471.85 for Town Road Aid and construction, maintenance and reconstruction of rural post roads and Class V Highways, provided the State will set aside the sum of \$9,812.31 for this purpose.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 12: By motion of Robert Kroupa it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to help defray the expense of the Information Booth. (By request of the Meredith Civic Association).

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 13: By motion of Robert Kroupa it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for fireworks for July 4, 1972. (By request of the Meredith Civic Association). Amendment to motion made by James Waldron to raise \$1000.00 for fireworks.

Negative vote to Amendment.

David French advised that the Civic Association pays \$500.00 for fireworks.

Affirmative vote to motion.

ARTICLE 14: By motion of Ernest A. Groz it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the Benefit of the Lakes Region General Hospital. (By request of the Lakes Region General Hospital).

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 15: By motion of Marshall French it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,067.36 for the Benefit of the Lakes Region Association. (By request of the Lakes Region Association).

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 16: By motion of Earle D. Hardy it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Highway Capital Reserve Fund as authorized by RSA 35:1-35:18.

Affirmative vote

ARTICLE 17: By motion of Bruce D. Heald it was moved and

seconded that action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 18: By motion of Nathan Torr it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,640.00 for equipment and materials for the summer recreation program.

James Waldron asked what materials and where. Mr. Torr explained.
—Leavitt Park.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 19: By motion of Marshall French it was moved and seconded that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire a portion of the property now owned by Clyde & Mary Prince opposite Waukewan Beach on Old Route 104 for a parking lot and necessary facilities in exchange for an easement to be granted to said Clyde and Mary Prince to cross property of the Town of Meredith along the shore of Lake Waukewan and maintain a wharf and gain access to said Lake. Said parking lot and facilities to be associated with the recreation program at Waukewan Beach.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 20: By motion of Marshall French it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,750.00 to be used with any available funds for the purpose of building a retaining wall and steps including necessary back fill at Waukewan Beach.

James Waldron advised that he and his brother Jerry would put in fill free of charge. Marshall French said Selectmen should take him up on the offer.

James Waldron asked if any matching funds for above, Marshall French advised him that there was.

Herbert Waldron made an amendment to have the Selectmen put item up for bids.

Negative vote to Amendment.

Affirmative vote to motion.

ARTICLE 21: By motion of Brad Sprague it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help defray the expense of the New Hampshire Humane Society.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 22: By motion of Bruce D. Heald it was moved and seconded that the Town adopt a non partisan ballot system for the election of Town Officers according to RSA 59-73.

James Waldron asked to have the above Article explained, which was done.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 23: By motion of Marshall French it was moved and seconded that the Selectmen be empowered in the acceptance of the favorable method of extension of sewage facilities on Pleasant Street from its present terminus to Wagon Wheel Trail and that the Board of Selectmen be further empowered to investigate and negotiate for and obtain any Federal or State Aid which might be available for such work. Further, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$157,000.00 to defray the costs of the above extension and to raise said \$157,000.00 by borrowing on the credit of the Town, by issuance of serial notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act as Amended.

Richard Kempton asked what the Town's Indebtedness is.

Mr. French explained: \$409,800.00 plus Interest \$85,780.88.
Unanimous Vote.

ARTICLE 24: By motion of Earle D. Hardy it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to defray the cost of completing the extension of sewage facilities to the Oak Street extension area as authorized by the vote under Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1971, and to raise said \$8,000.00 by borrowing on the credit of the Town by issuance of serial notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act as amended.

Unanimous Vote.

ARTICLE 25: By motion of Bruce D. Heald it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 for preliminary plans and cost estimates for an extension of the public sewer system from its present terminus at the southerly end of Oak Street to the southerly extremity of Bay Shore Drive.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the picnic tables at Clough Park. (It is felt that this will alleviate the dangerous traffic problems which exist when people are using these picnic tables, a condition which worsens each year.) ("The words inserted by petition")

An amendment was presented and motion made by Nancy Lowth to the above Article as follows:

To see if the Town Will vote to eliminate the picnic facilities at Clough Park and erect "No Picnicking signs.

Negative Vote.

ARTICLE 28: By motion of Eleanore Wolf it was moved and seconded that the Town will discontinue free electricity at the Town Docks.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 29: By motion of Bruce Heald it was moved and seconded that the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$13,250.00 for purchase of a

street sweeper, \$10,000.00 to be transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining amount to be raised by Taxation.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 30: By motion of Brad Sprague it was moved and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purchase and installation of tanks and pumps for storage and delivery of gasoline to municipal vehicles.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 31: By motion of Kenneth Russell it was moved and seconded that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, at the request of the Board of Water Commissioners to borrow a sum or sums not to exceed \$40,000.00 for improvements to the Meredith Water System, said funds to be repaid over a period not to exceed ten years from Meredith Water Department revenue. Said funds, together with any interest accumulating from short investment thereof, shall be expended for said improvements by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 33: By motion of Mrs. Robert Montana it was moved and seconded that the Town vote to designate as Scenic Roads, under the provisions of N. H. RSA 253:17 and 18, those parts of the Old Center Harbor Road as follows:

(1) From the top of Sunset Hill, northwesterly to the Center Harbor town line where the road becomes Follett Road in Center Harbor; and

(2) From the top of Sunset Hill, northerly to the Center Harbor town line where the road becomes Old Meredith Road in Center Harbor. This Article is to take effect only if the Town of Center Harbor votes affirmatively to designate Old Meredith Road and Follett Road as Scenic Roads in that Town.

Affirmative vote.

ARTICLE 34: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Marshall French extended his thanks to everyone and that he has enjoyed working for the Town of Meredith and hoped that the Town will grant the same respect to the new Selectman. It has been a rewarding experience.

Earle Hardy commented on the fine work done by Marshall French and Leon Hatch in behalf of the Town.

A standing ovation was given to both men.

Affirmative vote to adjourn. 11:00 P.M.

Charlotte H. Straw
Town Clerk

A true copy, attest:

Charlotte H. Straw

MEREDITH TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of Meredith, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Masonic Hall, Main Street in said Town of the first Tuesday of March next, March 6, 1973 from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. for the casting of ballots, and at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, March 7, 1973 at the Robert Pottle Memorial Auditorium in the Inter-Lakes High School in said Town, to act on the following articles:

1. To bring in your ballots for one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years and one Park Commissioner for three years.

2. To choose other necessary Town Officers.

3. To act on the following questions:

1) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Proposed corrections and changes relative to: Planned Unit Development processing procedure and elimination of density requirement, storefront lot set-back and width, allowance for general country store in forestry and rural zone, Building Permit for sewage facilities, definition of mobile-home on lot, and mobile-home in mobile home parks.

2) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Zone Change: Placing all islands in an Island Zone with specific requirements.

3) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Zone Change: Commercial to Forestry and Rural Zone along Route 104 beginning eight hundred feet from the westerly side of Oak Hill and Pease Roads to Hatch Corner Road.

4. To act on the following questions:

Shall the provisions of an act abolishing the Board of Water Commissioners for the Town of Meredith and transferring its functions to the Selectmen as passed by the 1973 Legislature be adopted?

5. To hear the report of the budget and act thereon.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and issue notes therefore.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction tax-acquired property.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,460.48 for the Town Road Aid and construction, maintenance and reconstruction of rural post roads, and Class V highways, provided the State will set aside the sum of \$9,737.85 for this purpose.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expense of the Information Booth. (By request of the Meredith Civic Association)
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for fireworks for July 4, 1973. (By request of the Meredith Civic Association)
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the benefit of the Lakes Region General Hospital. (By request of the Lakes Region General Hospital)
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,067.36 for the benefit of the Lakes Region Association. (By request of the Lakes Region Association)
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by RSA: 35:1 - 35:18.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund as authorized by RSA: 35:1 - 35:18.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help defray the expense of the New Hampshire Humane Society.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to acquire an additional parcel of property from Clyde and Mary Prince on the southerly side of Old Route 104 opposite Waukewan Beach between Old Route 104 and the Boston and Maine Railroad Right of Way to include a parcel of land fifty feet in length along Route 104 in an easterly direction from land as voted to be acquired under Article 19 of the 1972 Annual Town Meeting, said land to be used to extend and improve necessary facilities at Waukewan Beach.
17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a three-member Refuse Disposal Planning Committee with duties as set forth in Sections 1-5, Chapter 53-B, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, to study

the advisability of establishing a regional refuse disposal district. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for action by the Town Meeting.

18. To see if the Town will appropriate \$800.00 for the purchase and installation of two fire sirens, one at each end of Bear Island to alert residents of fire on the islands in the Town of Meredith. These sirens to be installed in the Spring of 1973. Monies expended by the Town to be reimbursed by Federal funds for which Meredith will be eligible and will be included in the 1973 budget submitted by the President. The Words inserted by Petition.

19. To see if the Town will appropriate \$7,000.00 for the purchase of a suitable motorized fireboat, equipped with two gasoline driven high-pressure, adequate volume fire pumps, 1060 feet of 1½ inch nylon forestry hose, four nozzles, two 2½ inch suction hose with box strainer, ten Indian Pump Cans, adequate shovels, rakes, ladders and other incidental equipment necessary for fire protection and control of Meredith Islands and shore areas. The fireboat is to be housed at a marina on the Eastern shore of Meredith Neck opposite Bear Island. The fireboat and equipment shall be under the control of the Meredith Fire Chief who shall be responsible for the training of a volunteer crew who live or work adjacent to the fireboat for immediate service and call. Monies expended by the Town to be reimbursed by Federal Funds for which Meredith will be eligible and will be included in the 1973 budget submitted by the President. The Words Inserted by Petition.

20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars for the extension of the common sewer from its present terminus on Waukewan Street at the intersection of Colby Street in an easterly direction on Waukewan Street for a distance of approximately one hundred and thirty feet, including a manhole and appurtenances, said sum to be raised by borrowing on the credit of the Town by issuance of serial notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act as amended.

21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars for the extension of the common sewer from its present terminus on Massachusetts Avenue to the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Westview Road, a distance of approximately three hundred and thirty feet, including manholes and appurtenances, said sum to be raised by borrowing on the credit of the Town by issuance of serial notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act as amended.

22. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of seven thousand (\$7,000.00) dollars to employ a full-time Assessor and authorize the withdrawal of seven thousand (\$7,000.00) dollars for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

23. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars for a communications clerk and authorize the withdrawal of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars for this purpose from the

Budget for 1973

TOWN OF MEREDITH

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for 1973
compared with
Actual Revenues, Appropriations & Expenditures for 1972

REVENUES

Source	Estimated 1972	Actual 1972	Estimated 1973
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 35,622.00	\$ 33,820.18	\$ 33,800.00
Savings Bank Tax	3,400.00	4,136.13	4,100.00
Yield Tax	500.00	1,187.16	500.00
Motor Vehicle Registration	46,000.00	56,315.66	56,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,100.00	1,227.50	1,200.00
Permits, etc.	140.00	896.50	500.00
Fines, Municipal Court	4,000.00	5,817.49	5,000.00
Rent of Town Property	150.00	125.00	125.00
Reimbursement Sewer Costs	4,486.00	4,486.00	4,486.00
Interest	8,000.00	15,259.54	10,000.00
Resident Taxes	8,700.00	9,533.21	9,500.00
National Bank Stock	300.00	407.45	400.00
Sewer Assessments	6,000.00	6,423.52	6,000.00
Excess Profits Tax	37,699.40	37,691.30	39,500.00
	\$156,097.40	\$177,808.48	\$171,111.00

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Appropriations:	Amount
Town Officers Salaries:	
Town Manager \$12,494.75, Town Office \$3,000.00,	\$ 15,494.75
Town Office Administrative Expenses:	
Town Office \$12,175.00 Town Clerk \$5,400.00 Audit \$2,500.00	48,675.00
Assess \$4,000.00, Clerical \$23,600, Town Manager \$1,000	48,675.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,250.00
Municipal Court Expenses	3,100.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	8,590.00
Social Security and Retirement Contributions	18,500.00
Police Department	69,550.00
Fire Dept. \$15,325.00, Forest Fires \$600.00	15,925.00
Blister Rust \$100.00, Moth Extermination & Care of Trees \$1,000	1,100.00
Insurance	21,216.00
Planning and Zoning \$1,000, Board of Adj. \$1,000	
Conservation Comm. \$2,125, Lakes Region Planning \$3,282.	7,407.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	2,500.00
Civilian Defense	850.00
Health Dept. \$6,800.00 Hospitals \$6,000	
Ambulances \$5,000	17,800.00
Winnipesaukee River Basin Study Art. 16 3-9-71	3,500.00
Sewers: Maint. \$7,200, Construction \$3,500	10,700.00
Dump and Garbage Collection:	
Rubbish Removal \$2,500 Dump Maint. \$6,450	8,950.00
Town Maintenance: Summer \$66,300	
Winter \$63,800.00	130,100.00
Street Lighting	13,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department \$20,000.	
Street Cleaning \$1,000	21,000.00

Town Road Aid	1,471.85
Libraries	16,850.00
Old Age Assistance	15,000.00
Public Relief: Town Poor \$5,300	5,300.00
Memorial Day, Vet. Associations Old Home Day	500.00
Parks and Playgrounds inc. Band Concerts:	
Equipment 4,640, Salaries 10,500	17,890.00
Capital Improvement \$2,750	
Water and Electric Utilities: Hydrant Rental	10,800.00
Cemeteries	7,950.00
Advertising & Regional Associations:	
Lakes Region Association	1,067.36
New Construction: Roads \$24,558.86	24,558.86
Sewer Construction Notes Authorized	
Pleasant St. \$157,000.00, Oak St. Ext. \$8,000.00	165,000.00
New Equipment: Sweeper \$13,500, Gas Pump \$3,250, Installed for \$5,000	21,750.00
Payment on Debt:	
Principal \$62,650.00, Interest \$23,527.25	86,177.25
Capital Reserve Fund —to be raised by taxation	10,000.00
Humane Society	500.00
Longevity Pay	1,080.00
Information Booth \$1,000, Fireworks 500	1,500.00
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Total Town Appropriation	\$807,103.07

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1972

Appropriations Forwarded from 1970	Appropriations 1972	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	1972 Expenditures	Balances Forwarded to 1973	Appropriations Forwarded to 1973
\$ 3,000.00	\$ 290.59	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 279.16	\$ 279.16	\$ 279.16
16,175.00		16,465.59	16,186.43			
12,494.75		12,494.75	12,494.75			
1,000.00		1,000.00	905.90			94.10
23,600.00	941.50	24,541.50	22,467.37	2,074.13		
1,250.00	27.00	1,277.00	1,950.26			673.26
3,100.00	5,817.49	8,917.49	3,024.00			5,893.49
2,500.00	1,256.00	3,756.00	1,186.36			2,569.64
5,400.00		5,400.00	5,400.00			
18,500.00	20.00	18,520.00	17,697.43			822.57
8,590.00	628.00	9,218.00	10,904.46			1,686.46
1,000.00	490.00	1,490.00	859.13			630.87
69,550.00	2,827.89	72,377.89	69,945.55			2,432.34
15,325.00	239.00	15,564.00	15,212.19			351.81
10,800.00	10,800.00	21,600.00	21,600.00			
850.00		850.00	850.00			540.17
1,000.00		1,000.00	50.00			950.00
		100.00	100.00			

Insurance		21,216.00	19,598.66	1,617.34
Health Department		6,800.00	6,800.00	
Rubbish Disposal		2,500.00	2,500.00	
Ambulance Service		5,000.00	5,870.00	870.00
Sewer Maintenance	8,368.59	9,200.00	9,638.63	25,207.22
Town Dump Maint.		6,450.00	1.00	6,451.00
Summer Maintenance		66,300.00	4,919.13	71,219.13
Winter Maintenance		63,800.00	1,534.63	65,334.63
General Highway Exps		20,000.00	3,267.37	23,267.37
Street Cleaning		1,000.00	781.50	1,781.50
Street Lighting		13,500.00		13,500.00
Town Roads & Sidewalks		24,558.86		24,558.86
Libraries		16,850.00	674.12	17,524.12
Town Welfare &				16,850.00
Soldiers' Aid		5,300.00	3,798.11	9,098.11
Old Age Assistance		15,000.00	1,182.25	16,182.25
Memorial Day		500.00		500.00
Parks & Playgrounds—		10,500.00	10,500.00	10,913.00
Salaries		2,335.00	95.00	2,430.00
Parks & Playgrounds—		2,305.00		2,305.00
Maint. & Equipment				1,942.54
Parks & Playgrounds				2,007.84
Capital Improvements				2,007.84
Improvements to				297.16
Field House	191.40		1,307.57	1,498.97
Cemeteries		7,950.00		7,950.00
Christmas Decorations		50.00		50.00
Damages & Legal Expenses		2,500.00		2,500.00

**STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS,
SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST
As of December 31, 1972**

	Sewer Construction Bonds @ 1.6%	Sewer Construction Bonds @ 2.75 %
Amt. of Original Issue	\$350,000.00	\$175,000.00
Date of Original Issue	May 1, 1952	July 1, 1953
Principal Payable Dates	May 1st	July 1st
Interest Payable Dates	May 1 & Nov. 1	Jan. 1 & July 1
Payable At	Nat'l Shawmut Bank Boston, Mass.	Nat'l Shawmut Bank Boston, Mass.

Maturities—

Fiscal Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1973	\$10,000.00	\$720.00	\$5,000.00	\$137.50
December 31, 1974	10,000.00	560.00		
December 31, 1975	10,000.00	400.00		
December 31, 1976	10,000.00	240.00		
December 31, 1977	10,000.00	80.00		
December 31, 1978				
December 31, 1979				
December 31, 1980				
December 31, 1981				
December 31, 1982				
December 31, 1983				
December 31, 1984				
December 31, 1985				
December 31, 1986				
December 31, 1987				
December 31, 1988				
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	\$50,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$137.50

<i>Sewer Construction</i>		<i>Equipment Notes</i>		<i>Prescott Park Notes</i>	
Bonds @ 2.2%		@ 3.25 %		@ 3.25 %	
\$128,000.00		\$36,569.90		\$20,000.00	
<i>March 1, 1956</i>		<i>December 13, 1963</i>		<i>December 4, 1964</i>	
<i>March 1st</i>		<i>December 13th</i>		<i>December 1st</i>	
<i>March 1, & Sept. 1</i>		<i>June 13 & Dec. 13</i>		<i>June 1 & Dec. 1</i>	
<i>Nat'l Shawmut Bank</i>		<i>Meredith Trust Co.</i>		<i>Meredith Trust Co.</i>	
<i>Boston, Mass.</i>					
<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
\$ 5,000.00	\$385.00	\$3,650.00	\$118.63	\$2,000.00	\$130.00
5,000.00	275.00			2,000.00	65.00
5,000.00	165.00				
5,000.00	55.00				
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\$20,000.00	\$880.00	\$3,650.00	\$118.63	\$4,000.00	\$195.00

**STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS,
SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST
As of December 31, 1972**

	<i>New Garage Notes</i> @ 3.25 % \$55,000.00	<i>Water Notes</i> @ 4 % \$15,000.00
Amt. of Original Issue		
Date of Original Issue	<i>December 6, 1965</i>	<i>October 26, 1966</i>
Principal Payable Date	<i>December 6th</i>	<i>December 1st</i>
Interest Payable Dates	<i>June 6 & Dec. 6</i>	<i>June 1 & Dec. 1</i>
Payable At	<i>Meredith Trust Co.</i>	<i>Meredith Trust Co.</i>

Maturities—

Fiscal Year Ending:	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1973	\$5,500.00	\$ 536.25	\$1,500.00	\$240.00
December 31, 1974	5,500.00	357.20	1,500.00	180.00
December 31, 1975	5,500.00	178.75	1,500.00	120.00
December 31, 1976			1,500.00	60.00
December 31, 1977				
December 31, 1978				
December 31, 1979				
December 31, 1980				
December 31, 1981				
December 31, 1982				
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December 31, 1986				
December 31, 1987				
December 31, 1988				
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	\$16,500.00	\$1,072.50	\$6,000.00	\$600.00

Water Notes
@ 4 %
\$10,000.00

Water Bonds
@ 4.4 %
\$225,000.00

Sewer Notes
@ 4 %
\$80,000.00

November 29, 1967

November 1, 1968

December 16, 1971

December 15th

November 1st

December 15th

June 15 & Dec. 15

May 1 & Nov. 1

June 15 & Dec. 15

Meredith Trust Co.

*State St. Bank & Trust
Co. - Boston, Mass.*

Meredith Trust Co.

<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$ 15,060.00	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,880.00
1,000.00	160.00	10,000.00	6,600.00	8,000.00	2,560.00
1,000.00	120.00	10,000.00	6,160.00	8,000.00	2,240.00
1,000.00	80.00	10,000.00	5,720.00	8,000.00	1,920.00
1,000.00	40.00	10,000.00	5,280.00	8,000.00	1,600.00
		10,000.00	4,840.00	8,000.00	1,280.00
		10,000.00	4,400.00	8,000.00	960.00
		10,000.00	3,960.00	8,000.00	640.00
		10,000.00	3,520.00	8,000.00	320.00
		10,000.00	3,080.00		
		10,000.00	2,640.00		
		10,000.00	2,200.00		
		10,000.00	1,760.00		
		10,000.00	1,320.00		
		10,000.00	880.00		
		10,000.00	440.00		
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\$5,000.00	\$600.00	\$165,000.00	\$60,060.00	\$72,000.00	\$14,400.00

**STATEMENT OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS,
SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST
As of December 31, 1972**

		<i>Water Notes</i>		
		@ 4 %		
Amt. of Original Issue		\$40,000.00		
Date of Original Issue		<i>June 23, 1972</i>		
Principal Payable Date		<i>June 23rd</i>		
Interest Payable Dates		<i>June 23 & Dec. 23</i>		
Payable At		<i>Meredith Trust Co.</i>		
<i>Maturities —</i>			<i>— Total —</i>	
<i>Fiscal Year Ending:</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1973	\$ 4,000.00	\$1,520.00	\$ 60,650.00	\$14,127.38
December 31, 1974	4,000.00	1,360.00	47,000.00	12,117.50
December 31, 1975	4,000.00	1,200.00	45,000.00	10,583.75
December 31, 1976	4,000.00	1,040.00	39,500.00	9,115.00
December 31, 1977	4,000.00	880.00	33,000.00	7,880.00
December 31, 1978	4,000.00	720.00	22,000.00	6,840.00
December 31, 1979	4,000.00	560.00	22,000.00	5,920.00
December 31, 1980	4,000.00	400.00	22,000.00	5,000.00
December 31, 1981	4,000.00	240.00	22,000.00	4,080.00
December 31, 1982	4,000.00	80.00	14,000.00	3,160.00
December 31, 1983			10,000.00	2,640.00
December 31, 1984			10,000.00	2,200.00
December 31, 1985			10,000.00	1,760.00
December 31, 1986			10,000.00	1,320.00
December 31, 1987			10,000.00	880.00
December 31, 1988			10,000.00	440.00
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	\$40,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$387,150.00	\$88,063.63

Report of Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES Levy of 1972

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$1,323,300.94
Resident Taxes	18,730.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	407.45
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Total Warrants	\$1,342,438.39

<i>Yield Taxes</i>	1,260.02
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,389.58
Resident Taxes	380.00
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	\$ 1,769.58

Overpayments During Year:

a-c Property Taxes	\$ 337.88
a-c Resident Taxes	10.00
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	\$ 347.88

<i>Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes</i>	151.38
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<i>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes</i>	21.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,345,988.25
Excess Credits (see Harvey)	50.35
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	\$1,346,038.60

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Advance Property Taxes	\$ 611.07
Property Taxes	1,106,421.91
Resident Taxes	12,770.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	407.45
Yield Taxes	1,187.16
Interest Collected	151.38
Penalties on Resident Taxes	21.00
Adv. Pmt. on Yield Tax	72.86
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	\$1,121,642.83

Discounts Allowed

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 4,777.49
Resident Taxes	870.00
Yield Taxes	.00
	\$ 5,647.49

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1972:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 213,268.28
Resident Taxes	5,480.00
Yield Taxes	.00
	218,748.28
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,346,038.60

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1971**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1972:

Property Taxes	\$204,897.61
Resident Taxes	4,655.30
Yield Taxes	234.00
	\$209,786.91

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 897.60
Resident Taxes	700.00
	\$ 1,597.60

Overpayments:

a-c Yield Tax	\$ 32.74
a-c Property Taxes	35.14
a-c Resident Taxes	.00
	\$ 67.88

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes \$ 8,474.51

<i>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes</i>	408.00
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Less Excess Debits	\$ 8,882.51
TOTAL DEBITS	63.99

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	\$220,270.91

— CR. —

*Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1972:*

Property Taxes	\$203,069.50
Resident Taxes	3,986.30
Yield Taxes	360.00
Interest Collected During Year	8,474.51
Penalties on Resident Taxes	408.00
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	\$216,298.31

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,154.00
Resident Taxes	1,349.00
Yield Taxes	.00
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	\$ 2,503.00

*Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1972:
(As Per Collector's List)*

Property Taxes	\$ 1,449.60
Resident Taxes	20.00
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	1,469.60

TOTAL CREDITS	\$220,270.91
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**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1972**

— DR. —

— Tax Sales on Acct. of Levies of: —

	1971	1970	1969	Previous Years
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1972	\$36,152.11	\$23,834.11	\$13,440.04	\$3,358.43

(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	.00	.00	.00	.00
Interest Collected After Sale	481.74	990.79	2,097.38	617.42
Redemption Costs	None	None	None	None
 Total Debits	 \$36,633.85	\$24,824.90	15,537.42	\$3,975.85
 — CR. —				
<i>Remittances to Treasurer During Year:</i>				
Redemptions	\$21,925.29	\$12,237.32	\$11,519.14	\$2,242.09
Interest & Costs After Sale	481.74	990.79	2,097.38	617.42
<i>Abatements During Year</i>	23.20	17.20	141.71	369.21
<i>Deeded to Town During Year</i>	None	None	None	None
<i>Unredeemed Taxes December 31, 1972</i>	14,203.62	11,579.59	1,779.19	747.13
 TOTAL CREDITS	 \$36,633.85	\$24,824.90	\$15,537.42	\$3,975.85

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

December 31, 1972

Levies of

<i>1971</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>1969</i>
\$14,203.62	\$11,579.59	\$1,779.19

EARLE D. HARDY
Tax Collector

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

August 28, 1972

Board of Selectmen
Meredith
New Hampshire 03253

Gentlemen

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1971, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town.

One of the enclosed audits must be given to the Town Clerk as part of the permanent records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Sewer Fund, Special Assessment Accounts, Municipal Court, Library and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets - Dec. 31, 1970 and Dec. 31, 1971:

(Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971 are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a current deficit of \$13,251.09 at December 31, 1970, to a current surplus of \$22,579.77 at December 31, 1971.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town is

made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Increases in Current Surplus:

Net Budget Surplus	\$35,469.27
Tax Collector's Excess Credits (Net)	361.59
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	\$35,830.86

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures,
Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures - estimated and actual revenues - for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1971, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$1,965.13, plus a revenue surplus of \$33,504.14 resulted in a net budget surplus of \$35,469.27.

Long Term Indebtedness:

**Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971:
(Exhibit A-5)**

Comparative Balance Sheets of the outstanding long term debt of the Town as of December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971 are presented in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, the long term debt of the Town increased by \$14,350.00, from \$395,450.00 to \$409,800.00. Authorized long term notes totaling \$80,000.00 were issued and matured notes and bonds in the amount of \$65,650.00 were paid during the fiscal year. (Authorized but unissued notes amounted to \$20,000.00 at December 31, 1971.)

Statement of Annual Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)

A statement of annual debt service requirements (principal and interest) is presented in Exhibit A-6.

TREASURER

General Fund:

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A classified statement of general fund receipts and expenditures for

the fiscal year ended December 31, 1971, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1971, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

Sewer Fund: (Exhibit B-4)

A statement of the activity in the Sewer Fund account during the year is presented in Exhibit B-4.

Pleasant Street Sewer Extension Fund: (Exhibit B-5)

A statement of the activity in the Pleasant Street Sewer Extension Fund is presented in Exhibit B-5.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records. Consequently, the amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Unredeemed Taxes:

Unredeemed taxes totaling \$3,358.43 on account of levies of 1968 and prior years were due the Town at December 31, 1971, according to the Tax Collector's tax sale records.

Levy of 1968	\$3,078.37
Levy of 1967	267.80
Levy of 1966	12.26
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	\$3,358.43

Inasmuch as the two-year period provided by law for redemption

from tax sales has expired on these unredeemed taxes, the Tax Collector should give tax deeds to the Town for all the properties represented by tax liens held by the Town which are in default of redemption.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 71, Section 27-a, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Meredith for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Frederick E. Laplante
Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Concord, New Hampshire

August 28, 1972

TOWN OF MEREDITH

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1971.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Meredith at December 31, 1971, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Frederick E. Laplante
Director**

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Town of Meredith

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Exhibit A-1
TOWN OF MEREDITH
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971

ASSETS	<i>December 31, 1970</i>	<i>December 31, 1971</i>
<i>Cash:</i>		
General Fund	\$ 46,931.38	\$257,176.76
Payroll Fund	2,001.00	2,000.00
Sewer Fund (Contra)	5,544.28	6,914.36
Pleasant St. Sewer Extension Fund (Contra)	38.40	1,893.52
With Fiscal Agents (Contra)	990.00	1,567.50
Petty Cash Funds	150.00	150.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 55,655.06	\$269,702.14
<i>Long Term Notes Authorized- Unissued (Contra)</i>		20,000.00
<i>Capital Reserve Funds (Contra)</i>	4,909.16	15,159.24
<i>Accounts Due to Town:</i>		
<i>From State of New Hampshire</i>		
Bounties	1.00	.50
Federal Grant -Sewer Construction	17,000.00	
Pleasant Street Sewer Extension Fund		1,893.52
<i>Sewer Fund: (Contra)</i>		
Uncollected Sewer Rentals	6,615.26	7,720.45
Less: Amount Due Town	1,958.62	
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	4,656.64	7,720.45
Due From Sewer Fund	\$ 1,958.62	
Prepaid Expenditures (Exhibit A-3)	336.25	691.53
Sewer Assessments Receivable (Contra)	45,722.92	29,966.53
Sewer Connection Assessments Receivable (Contra)	4,799.24	3,193.37
<i>Unredeemed Taxes (Exhibit C-2)</i>	28,363.28	40,615.40
<i>Uncollected Taxes (Exhibit C-1)</i>	252,615.80	214,918.91

Uncollected State Head Taxes:

Current year (Contra)	2,635.00	
Prior Years	310.00	260.00
		260.00
	2,945.00	
Total Assets	\$418,962.97	\$604,121.59

*LIABILITIES and
CURRENT SURPLUS December 31, 1970 December 31, 1971*

Appropriations Forwarded:

(Exhibit A-3)

Revenue	\$ 13,230.89 .	\$ 20,521.27
Non-Revenue		60,125.43
	\$ 13,230.89	\$ 80,646.70

*Unexpended Balance of
Non-Revenue Appropriation
(Contra) 20,000.00*

Due to Other Funds:

Sewer Fund (Contra)	10,200.92	14,634.81
Matured Interest Payable (Contra)	990.00	1,567.50
	11,190.92	16,202.31

*Due Town Clerk a-c Excess
Remittances 125.22*

*Tax Overpayments
To Be Refunded 77.40 95.70*

Accrued Wages Payable 1.00

Due State of New Hampshire:

State Head Taxes:

Uncollected	2,635.00
Collected - Not Remitted	1,759.50

Resident Taxes:

Uncollected	\$ 2,094.89
Collected - Not Remitted	2,219.71

2 Percent Bond & Debt

Retirement Taxes

Uncollected	39.00
Collected - Not Remitted	21.59
	4,416.09

Taxes Collected in Advance 4,470.91 611.07

Yield Tax Deposits		\$ 105.60
Pleasant Street Sewer Extension Fund (Contra)	\$ 38.40	1,893.52
Reserve for Uncollected Sewer Assessments (Contra)	45,722.92	29,966.53
Reserve For Uncollected Sewer Connection Assessments (Contra)	4,799.24	3,193.37
School District Tax Payable	347,702.82	409,196.87
Capital Reserve Funds (Contra)	4,909.16	15,159.24
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Total Liabilities	\$432,214.06	\$581,541.82
Current Surplus (Deficit)	(13,251.09)	22,579.77
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Total Liabilities and Current Surplus (Deficit)	\$418,962.97	\$604,121.59

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF MEREDITH

General Fund

**Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971**

Current Deficit - December 31, 1970	\$13,251.09
Current Surplus - December 31, 1971	22,579.77
Change in Current Financial Condition	\$35,830.86

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE

Increases in Current Surplus

(Decreases in Current Deficit):

Net Budget Surplus	\$35,469.27
Tax Collector's Excess Credits (Net)	361.59
	\$35,830.86

**Exhibit A-3
TOWN OF MERED**

General Fund

**Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971**

Insurance	18,963.00	894.85	19,857.85	19,898.86	493.02	(534.03)
Civil Defense	825.00		825.00	815.38	9.62	
Hydrant Rental	10,800.00		10,800.00	10,800.00		
<i>Health and Sanitation:</i>						
Health Department	6,800.00		6,800.00	6,800.00		
Hospitals (Article 8)	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		
Ambulance Service	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		
Sewer Maintenance	7,200.00	24,000.00	31,200.00	22,831.41		8,368.59
Dump & Garbage Collection	8,110.00		8,110.00	7,798.97	311.03	
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>						
Town Road Aid	1,687.32		1,687.32	1,688.80		1.48
Town Maintenance	129,100.00	2,694.24	131,794.24	127,830.74	3,963.50	
Street Lighting	12,000.00		12,000.00	12,965.53		965.53
Street Cleaning	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,363.07		363.07
General Expenses of Highway Department	14,400.00	3,323.99	17,723.99	25,178.32		7,454.33
Libraries	15,800.00		15,800.00	15,800.00		
<i>Public Welfare:</i>						
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00	343.37	12,343.37	14,008.02		1,664.65
Town Poor	5,000.00	21.00	5,021.00	4,898.87		
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>						
Memorial Day	500.00		500.00	500.00		
<i>Recreation</i>	530.00	21,420.00	604.79	22,554.79	20,469.13	1,894.26
Parks and Playgrounds						191.40

Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	6,800.00	6,800.00	7,000.00	200.00
<i>Unclassified:</i>				
Damages & Legal Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,065.70	65.70
Advertising and Regional Associations (Article 9)	1,042.16	1,042.16	1,042.16	
Employees Retirement and Social Security	(130.00)	110.00	17,980.00	16,965.19
Information Booth (Article 7)		7.05	1,007.05	1,007.05
Longevity Pay	1,140.00		1,140.00	1,080.00
Christmas Decorations				60.00
(Article 24)	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,070.56
Humane Society (Article 15)	500.00		500.00	500.00
Emergency Employment Act Funds		1,144.00	1,144.00	768.00
<i>Debt Service:</i>				376.00
<i>Interest on Debt:</i>				
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000.00 (206.25)	10,915.87 10,688.75	770.00	10,000.00 2,479.62 10,688.75
Paid on Long Term Notes				9,695.91 2,617.06 10,688.75
Paid on Bonded Debt				.06 (137.50)
<i>Principal of Debt:</i>				
Payments on Long Term Notes	20,150.00	5,500.00	25,650.00	25,650.00
Payments on Bonded Debt	40,000.00		40,000.00	40,000.00
<i>Capital Outlay:</i>				
New Construction - Roads	17,500.00		17,500.00	8,903.48
				8,596.52

Exhibit A-4
TOWN OF MEREDITH
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual
Revenues and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

SOURCE	Revenues Estimated	Revenues Actual	Excess	Deficit
<i>Taxes:</i>				
Current Year:				
Property Taxes	\$1,259,904.58	\$1,268,002.00	\$ 8,097.42	
Resident Taxes	10,428.00	10,712.90	284.90	
National Bank Stock Taxes	291.85	329.05	37.20	
Yield Taxes	782.00	781.52	.48	
Prior Years: (Added Taxes)				
Property Taxes		647.98	647.98	
Poll Taxes		112.00	112.00	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	7,745.04	13,527.02	5,781.98	

State of New Hampshire:

Interest and Dividends Tax	35,622.09
Savings Bank Tax	3,436.80
Meals and Rooms Tax	12,740.00
Business Profits Tax	36,031.17
Reimbursement a-c Water Pollution Aid	4,486.00
Highway Subsidy Program	12,303.80
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Water Resources Board	76.80
Head Tax Commissions	142.00

Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	44,808.15	46,704.58	1,896.43
Fines and Forfeits - Municipal Court	3,928.70	6,439.97	2,511.27
Dog Licenses	914.00	1,121.25	207.25
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	177.00	140.00	
Ambulance Service Fees	2,145.00	2,077.50	37.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	429.75	150.00	67.50
Sewer Assessments and Connections	7,078.66	18,608.13	279.75
Town Clerk Fees	854.50	854.50	
Telephone Commissions	598.89	598.89	
Bicycle Licenses	85.40	85.40	
Miscellaneous	24.25	24.25	
Refund of Public Library Special Appropriation	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Sale of Town Property	1.00	1.00	
			\$ 384.73
\$1,443,252.59	\$1,476,756.73	\$ 33,888.87	\$ 384.73

BUDGET SUMMARY

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	23,923.52	
Overdrafts of Appropriations	<u>21,958.39</u>	
	1,965.13	
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		
Actual Revenues	\$1,476,756.73	
Estimated Revenues	<u>1,443,252.59</u>	
	33,504.14	
Revenue Surplus		\$ 35,469.27
Net Budget Surplus		

Exhibit A-5
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Long Term Indebtedness
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971

ASSETS	<i>December 31, 1970</i>	<i>December 31, 1971</i>
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*Amount to Be Provided For
The Retirement of Long
Term Debt:*

General Fund	\$375,450.00	\$395,300.00
Water Department	20,000.00	14,500.00
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Total Assets	\$395,450.00	\$409,800.00
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LIABILITIES

Long Term Notes:

Water Notes - 1961	\$ 2,000.00	
Water Notes - 1962	2,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment Notes - 1963	10,950.00	7,300.00
Prescott Park Notes - 1964	8,000.00	6,000.00
New Garage Notes - 1965	27,500.00	22,000.00
Sewer Notes - 1966	5,000.00	
Water Notes - 1966	9,000.00	7,500.00
Fire Truck Notes - 1965	4,000.00	
Water Notes - 1967	7,000.00	6,000.00
Sewer Const. Notes - 1971		80,000.00
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	\$75,450.00	\$129,800.00

Bonds Outstanding:

Sewer Const. Bonds - 1952	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Sewer Const. Bonds - 1953	15,000.00	10,000.00
Sewer Const. Bonds - 1956	30,000.00	25,000.00
Water Bonds - 1968	195,000.00	180,000.00
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	320,000.00	280,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$395,450.00	\$409,800.00
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Exhibit B-1
TOWN OF MEREDITH
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$1,052,824.18
Resident Taxes	13,822.70
Yield Taxes	703.82
National Bank Stock Taxes	329.05
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	\$1,067,679.75

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	244,402.78
Poll Taxes	662.00
State Head Taxes	1,905.00
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	246,969.78

Tax Sales Redeemed	25,771.18
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	13,527.02
State Head Tax Penalties	160.50
Resident Tax Penalties	15.00
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	\$1,354,123.23

From State of New Hampshire:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 35,622.09
Savings Bank Tax	3,436.80
Meals and Rooms Tax	12,740.13
Business Profits Tax	36,031.17
Highway Subsidy Program	12,303.80
State Water Pollution Aid	4,486.00

Road Toll Refunds:

Police Department	\$ 957.03
Highway Department	1,842.87
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2,799.90

Governor's Commission on Crime & Delinquency	500.00
Reimbursements a-c Highway	
Labor	869.00

Reimbursements a-c Old Age	
Ass't	343.37
Fighting Forest Fires	265.51
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	
Water Resources Board	76.80
Bounties	1.00

	109,475.57

Current Revenue:

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 46,852.39
Fines and Forfeits - Municipal Court	6,639.97
Dog Licenses	1,121.25
Ambulance Service Fees	2,077.50
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	140.00
Sewer Assessments Collected (Principal)	14,447.51
Sewer Connection Assessments Collected (Principal)	1,775.27
Interest on Sewer Assessments and Sewer Connection Assessments	2,385.35
Town Clerk Fees	854.50
Telephone Commissions	598.89
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	150.00
Bicycle Licenses	85.40
Miscellaneous	23.25

	\$ 77,151.28

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$1,540,750.08

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes (Contra)	\$ 492,813.81
Long Term Notes Issued	80,000.00
Emergency Employment Act Funds	1,144.00
Transfer From Pleasant St. Sewer Extension Fund	15,106.48
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriation from Public Library	1,000.00
Sewer Fund	1,958.62
Sewer Fund (Contra)	886.95
Yield Tax Deposit a-c 1972 Timber Taxes	105.60
1972 Taxes Collected in Advance	611.07
Sale of Town Property	1.00
Transfer from Payroll Fund	1.00

Appropriation Credits:

Town Office Administrative Expenses	\$ 94.51
Election and Registration	6.00
Town Hall & Bldgs. Maint.	269.60
Police Department	3,451.41
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires	50.00

Planning and Zoning	375.00
Insurance	894.85
Sewer Maintenance	24,000.00
Town Maintenance	2,694.24
General Expenses of Highway Department	612.12
Town Poor	21.00
Parks and Playgrounds	604.79
Employees Social Security and Retirement	110.00
Information Booth	7.05
Interest on Long Term Notes	770.00
Principal on Long Term Notes	5,500.00
	\$ 39,460.57
	\$ 633,089.10
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$2,173,839.18
Balance - January 1, 1971	46,931.38
Grand Total	\$2,220,770.56

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 19,941.85
Town Office Administrative Expenses	40,230.24
Election and Registration Expenses	849.80
Municipal Court Expenses	2,156.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	8,805.58
	\$ 71,983.47

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	67,967.52
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires	12,443.06
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	1,283.89
Planning and Zoning	4,228.52
Insurance	19,898.86
Civil Defense	815.38
Hydrant Rental	10,800.00
Bounties	.50

Health and Sanitation:

Health Department	6,800.00
Hospitals	6,000.00
Ambulance Service	6,000.00
Sewer Maintenance	22,831.41
Dump and Garbage Collection	7,798.97

49,430.38

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,688.80
Town Maintenance	127,830.74
Street Lighting	12,965.53
Street Cleaning	1,363.07
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	25,178.32
	169,026.46

Libraries

15,800.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	14,008.02
Town Poor	4,898.87
18,906.89	

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day	500.00
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Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds	20,469.13
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	7,000.00
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Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses	2,065.70
Advertising and Region Associations	1,042.16
Employees Retirement and Social Security	16,965.19
Information Booth	1,007.05
Longevity Pay	1,080.00
Christmas Decorations	2,070.56
Humane Society	500.00
Taxes Bought By Town	38,306.21
Emergency Employment Act Funds	768.00
Sewer Fund (Contra)	886.95

Overlay: (Discounts, Abatements and Refunds)

Property Taxes Refunded	4,881.28
Head and Poll Taxes Refunded	7.70
Boat Taxes Refunded	124.95
Resident Taxes Refunded	26.00
Property Tax Overpayments Refunded	156.09
Resident Tax Overpayments Refunded	315.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Refunded	147.81
Municipal Court Fine Refunded	200.00
	5,858.83

70,550.65

Debt Service:

Interest on Debt:

Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	9,695.91
Paid on Long Term Notes	2,617.06
Paid on Bonded Debt	10,688.75

Principal of Debt:

Tax Anticipation Notes	492,813.81
Paid (Contra)	25,650.00
Payments on Long Term Notes	40,000.00
Payments on Bonded Debt	

581,465.53

Capital Outlay:

New Construction - Roads	8,903.48
Sewer Const. - Pleasant Street	8,592.52
Sewer Const. - Oak Street and Hillrise Lane	19,874.57
Sewer Plans - Pleasant Street	271.99
Private Sewage Disposal Systems	825.00
New Equipment	13,500.03
Town Hall Renovations	11,552.71
Home Alerting Devices	1,986.45

Payments To Capital

Reserve Funds:

Highway Equipment Fund	10,000.00
	75,506.75

*Payments To Other
Governmental Divisions:*

State of New Hampshire:

State Head Taxes	3,633.00
Resident Taxes	3,861.00
2 Percent Bond & Debt	
Retirement Tax	21.58

County Tax	7,515.58
School District Tax	110,298.41
	647,702.82

765,516.81

Total Expenditures for
All Purposes

\$1,963,593.80

Balance - December 31, 1971

257,176.76

Grand Total

\$2,220,770.56

Exhibit B-2
TOWN OF MEREDITH
General Fund
Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Balance - January 1, 1971	\$ 46,931.38
Receipts During Year	<u>2,173,839.18</u>
	\$2,220,770.56
Expenditures During Year	<u>1,963,593.80</u>
Balance - December 31, 1971	\$ 257,176.76

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Co.

Per Statement December 31, 1971	\$110,202.63
<i>Add: Deposits of:</i>	
January 4, 1972	804.40
January 5, 1972	<u>15,355.74</u>
	16,160.14
	<u>\$ 126,362.77</u>
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>18,765.26</u>
	\$ 107,597.51
<i>Add: 150-M U.S. Treasury Bills</i>	
3.55 percent - Maturing Jan. 20, 1972	<u>149,579.25</u>

Reconciled Balance - December 31,
1971 \$ 257,176.76

Exhibit B-3
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Payroll Fund
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Balance - January 1, 1971	\$ 2,001.00
<i>Receipts During Year:</i>	
Transfers From General Fund	166,584.62
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	\$168,585.62
<i>Expenditures During Year:</i>	
Payrolls Paid	\$166,584.62
Transferred to General Fund	1.00
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	166,585.62
Balance - December 31, 1971	\$ 2,000.00

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company Per Statement December 31, 1971	\$ 3,005.29
<i>Less: Outstanding Checks</i>	1,005.29
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1971	\$ 2,000.00

Exhibit B-4

TOWN OF MEREDITH
Sewer Fund

**Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971**

Balance - January 1, 1971 \$ 5,544.28

Receipts During Year:

Sewer Rents Collected	\$26,838.10
Septic Tank Fees	490.60
Water Rent (Contra)	14.00

27,342.70

\$32,886.98

Expenditures During Year:

Transferred To General Fund	\$25,958.62
Water Rent (Contra)	14.00
	<hr/>

25,972.62

Balance - December 31, 1971 \$ 6,914.36

PROOF OF BALANCE

**Balance in the Meredith Trust Company
Per Statement December 31, 1971** \$ 6,339.36

Add: Deposit of January 5, 1972 575.00

Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1971 \$ 6,914.36

Exhibit B-5
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Pleasant Street Sewer Extension Fund
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Balance - January 1, 1971	\$ 38.40
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Receipts During Year:

Federal Grant	\$17,000.00
Transferred From General Fund	8,592.52
	<hr/> 25,592.52
	\$25,630.92

Expenditures During Year:

Construction Costs	4,487.88
Engineering	3,743.04
Federal Audit Expense	400.00
Transferred To General Fund	15,106.48
	<hr/> 23,737.40

Balance - December 31, 1971	\$ 1,893.52
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PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company Per Statement December 31, 1971	\$ 1,893.52
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Exhibit B-6
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Cash With Fiscal Agents
Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Cash In Hands of Fiscal Agents

January 1, 1971:

State Street Bank and Trust Company	\$ 990.00
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Deposits With Fiscal Agents During Year:

A-c Maturing Bonds and Interest:

The National Shawmut Bank of Boston	\$27,315.00
State Street Bank and Trust Company	23,580.00

	50,895.00
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	\$51,885.00
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Payments By Fiscal Agents During Year:

Matured Bonds and Coupons Paid:

The National Shawmut Bank of Boston	\$27,177.50
State Street Bank and Trust Company	23,140.00

	50,317.50
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Balance - December 31, 1971	\$ 1,567.50
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PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in The National Shawmut Bank of Boston - Per statement December 31, 1971	\$ 137.50
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Balance in the State Street Bank and Trust Company - Per Statement December 31, 1971	1,430.00
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Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1971	\$ 1,567.50
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Exhibit C-1
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Summary of Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

	<i>Levies of:</i>		
	1972	1971	1969
<i>Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1971:</i>			
Property Taxes	\$	\$	\$244,489.09
Poll Taxes			968.00
<i>Taxes Committed To Collector:</i>			
Property Taxes		1,266,491.20	
Resident Taxes		18,960.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes		329.05	
Yield Taxes		937.82	
<i>Added Taxes:</i>			
Property Taxes		1,510.80	647.98
Resident Taxes		400.00	
Poll Taxes			108.00
<i>1972 Property Taxes Collected In Advance</i>		611.07	
<i>Overpayments Refunded:</i>			
Property Taxes		136.89	19.20

Resident Taxes 315.00

Overpayments To Be Refunded:

Property Taxes	8.30
Resident Taxes	10.00
<i>Interest Collected</i>	307.43
Resident Tax Penalties	15.00
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\$611.07	\$1,289,421.49
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	\$257,077.28
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	\$1,027.17
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	\$6,730.06

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Levies of:
1972 1971 1970 1969

Remittances To Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$1,052,824.18	\$240,534.95	\$	\$3,867.83
Resident Taxes	13,822.70	640.00	14.00	8.00
Poll Taxes	329.05			
National Bank Stock Taxes	703.82			
Yield Taxes	307.43	10,845.01	3.03	591.49
Interest	15.00			
Resident Tax Penalties				
<i>Abatements Allowed:</i>				
Property Taxes	10,406.88	3,144.31		
Resident Taxes	1,310.00	396.00	30.00	8.00
Poll Taxes				

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1971:

Property Taxes	204,897.61	1,859.12	928.14	2,242.74
Resident Taxes	4,655.30			
Poll Taxes		38.00	52.00	12.00
Yield Taxes	234.00			
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	\$611.07	\$1,289,505.97	\$257,457.39	\$1,027.17
				\$6,730.06

Add: Excess Debits:

A-c Property Taxes	18.52
A-c Poll Taxes	2.00

Less: Excess Credits:

A-c Property Taxes	382.11
A-c Resident Taxes	103.00
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	\$611.07
	\$1,289,421.49
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	\$257,077.28
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	\$1,027.17
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	\$6,730.06

Exhibit C-2

TOWN OF MEREDITH

Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

	<i>DR.</i> —		<i>Levies of:</i>		<i>CR.</i> —	
	1970	1969	1968	1967	\$	\$
Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1971	\$	\$19,525.71	\$8,557.51	\$267.80	\$12.26	
Tax Sale of Sept. 20, 1971	38,306.21					
Interest and Costs After Sale	300.91	496.29	982.86			
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	\$38,607.12	\$20,022.00	\$9,540.37	\$267.80	\$12.26	
Remittances To Treasurer:						
Redemptions	\$14,429.77	\$ 5,862.27	\$5,479.14	\$	\$	
Interest and Costs	300.91	496.29	982.86			
Abatements Allowed	59.51	223.40				
Unredeemed Taxes -						
December 31, 1971	23,816.93	13,440.04	3,078.37	267.80	12.26	
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	\$38,607.12	\$20,022.00	\$9,540.37	\$267.80	\$12.26	

Exhibit C-3
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Summary of State Head Tax Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

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	<i>Levies of:</i>		
	1970	1969	1968
Uncollected Taxes - Jan. 1, 1971	\$2,635.00	\$240.00	\$70.00
Added Head Taxes	260.00		10.00
Penalties Collected	160.50		
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	\$3,055.50	\$240.00	\$80.00

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Remittances To Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$1,840.00	\$ 35.00	\$30.00
Penalties	160.50		
Abatements Allowed	960.00	75.00	20.00
Uncollected Head Taxes - Dec. 31, 1971	100.00	130.00	30.00
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	\$3,060.50	\$240.00	\$80.00
<i>Less: Excess Credit a-c Head Taxes</i>	5.00		
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	\$3,055.50	\$240.00	\$80.00

Exhibit C-4
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Summary of Warrants - Current Sewer Assessments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

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	<i>Levies of:</i>		
	1971	1970	1969

<i>Uncollected Assessments - Jan. 1, 1971</i>	\$	\$4,109.82	\$7,808.06
<i>Assessments Committed to Collector:</i>			
Principal	3,266.30		
Interest	1,336.57		
<i>Interest on Delinquent Assessments</i>			
Deferred Assessment Collected	2,078.49		
	\$6,681.36	\$4,109.82	\$7,968.17

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Remittances To Treasurer:

Assessments Collected	\$3,622.59	\$3,507.30	\$7,157.51
Interest and Costs	1,553.53	619.86	160.11
<i>Abatements Allowed</i>			
Uncollected Assessments Dec. 31, 1971	1,505.24	1.04	
	\$6,681.36	\$4,128.20	\$7,968.17
<i>Less: Excess Credits</i>		18.38	
	\$6,681.36	\$4,109.82	\$7,968.17

Exhibit C-5
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Summary of Warrants
Current Sewer Connection Assessments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

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Uncollected Assessments - January 1, 1971	\$1,010.09
<i>Assessments Committed To Collector:</i>	
Principal and Interest	915.60
 Deferred Assessments Committed To Collector	
	176.44
Current Added Assessment	250.00
Overpayments To Be Refunded	3.67
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	\$2,355.80

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<i>Remittances To Treasurer:</i>	
Assessments Collected	\$1,775.27
Interest	211.96
Uncollected Assessments - December 31, 1971	368.57
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	\$2,355.80

Exhibit C-6
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Summary of Warrants - Sewer Rents
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

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Uncollected Sewer Rents - January 1, 1971	\$ 6,615.26
Sewer Rents Committed To Collector	27,909.36
Added Sewer Rents	190.84
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	\$34,715.46

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Remittances To Treasurer:

Sewer Rents Collected	\$26,838.10
Abatements Allowed	231.25
Uncollected Sewer Rents - December 31, 1971	7,720.45
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	\$34,789.80
<i>Less: Excess Credits</i>	74.34
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	\$34,715.46

Exhibit D
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Statement of Town Clerk's Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1970 No. 312201 - 312300 69576 - 69585	\$ 902.97
1971 No. 345673 - 357700 613201 - 613256	44,725.84
1972 No. 393801 - 393870	1,223.58
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	\$46,852.39

Dog Licenses Issued:

6 at \$1.00	\$ 6.00
354 at \$2.00	708.00
32 at \$5.00	160.00
1 at \$40.00 - Kennels	40.00
2 at \$25.00 - Kennels	50.00
1 at \$20.00 - Kennels	20.00
3 at \$12.00 - Kennels	36.00
9 at \$.25 - Tags	2.25
99 Penalties at \$1.00	99.00
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	1,121.25

Bicycle Licenses Issued: 85.40

\$48,059.04

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Remittances To Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$46,852.39
Dog Licenses	1,121.25
Bicycle Licenses	85.40
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\$48,059.04

Exhibit E-1
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Summary of Deferred Sewer Assessments Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Balance January 1, 1971	\$33,805.04
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Credits During Year:

1971 Assessments Committed To Collector	\$3,266.30
Prepayments of Deferred Assessments	2,078.49

5,344.79

Balance December 31, 1971	\$28,460.25
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Exhibit E-2
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Summary of Deferred Sewer Connection Assessments Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Balance - January 1, 1971	\$3,789.15
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Credits During Year:

1971 Assessments Committed To Collector	\$787.91
Prepayments of Deferred Assessments	176.44

964.35

Balance - December 31, 1971	\$2,824.80
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Exhibit F
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Public Library

Balance - January 1, 1971 \$ 6,908.53

Receipts During Year:

Town Appropriation	\$15,800.00
Income From Trust Funds	1,978.42
Gifts	150.32
Interest Income	44.00
Fines	171.65
Lost Books	108.88
Non-Resident Fees	51.00
Books and Records Sold	90.43
Refunds	3.80
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	18,398.50

\$25,307.03

Expenditures During Year:

Librarian's Salary	\$ 4,513.49
Assistant Librarian's Salary	4,161.99
Books, Magazines and Records	4,380.49
Buildings & Grounds Maint.	743.20
Insurance	473.00
Water and Heat	731.20
Telephone and Electricity	407.97
Supplies	631.17
Social Security Taxes	496.63
Janitor	571.14
Bookkeeper	261.00
Miscellaneous	406.82
Town of Meredith	1,000.00
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	18,778.10

Balance - December 31, 1971

\$6 528 93

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Co.	
Per Statement December 31, 1971	\$7,006.90
<i>Less:</i> Outstanding Checks	1,308.78
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	\$5,698.12
<i>Add:</i> Balance in the Meredith Village	
Savings Bank - Book No. 37273	\$800.81
Petty Cash Fund	30.00
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	830.81
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Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1971	\$6,528.93

Exhibit G
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Municipal Court

Statement of Account and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Balance - January 1, 1971	\$ 675.50
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Receipts During Year:

Fines & Forfeits	\$10,745.00
Bails	575.00
Small Claim Collections (Contra)	81.37
Small Claim Entrance	34.50
Cemetery Association (Contra)	100.00
Sale of Writs	1.00
Bail Commissioners Fees	10.00
Other Income	11.27
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	11,558.14
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	\$12,233.64

Expenditures During Year:

Town of Meredith	\$6,439.97
N.H. Department of Safety	3,344.00
N.H. Fish and Game Dept.	628.00
Bails Returned	475.00
Bail Transferred to Superior Court	100.00
Blood Tests	347.00
Supplies	247.80
Small Claim Payments (Contra)	81.37
Witness Fees	46.50
Attorney's Fees	25.00
Special Justice	60.00
Postage	11.00
Bail Commissioner's Fees	10.00
Clerk's Bond	10.00
Cemetery Association (Contra)	100.00
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	11,925.64
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Balance December 31, 1971

\$308.00

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company

Per Statement December 31, 1971 \$376.76

Add: Deposits of:

January 17, 1972	\$200.00
February 4, 1972	75.00
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	275.00
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	\$651.76

Less: Outstanding Checks

343.76

Reconciled Balance December 31, 1971

\$308.00

Exhibit H

**Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971**

	—Principal—		—Income—		Balance Dec. 31, 1971	& Income Dec. 31, 1971
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	New Funds or Additions	Capital Gains	Earned During Year		
Cemetery Funds	\$18,916.82	\$19,434.95	\$18,916.82	\$4,508.06	\$1,191.38	\$23,695.59
Library Funds	1,028.00	200.00	1,028.00	410.23	73.25	20,222.79
School Funds				200.00	99.18	15.21
World War I Memorial Fund						
Capital Reserve Fund	3,725.00	10,000.00	13,725.00	1,184.16	250.08	
Highway Department						
	\$43,304.77	\$10,000.00	\$13.84	\$53,318.61	\$6,921.28	\$3,062.69
Investments						
1,213 Shares - Puritan Fund, Inc.						\$8,331.83
1,015 Shares - Chemical Fund, Inc.						2,948.81
778 Shares - Eaton Howard Balanced Fund						3,991.84
Meredith Village Savings Bank						45,631.01
						\$60,903.49
						\$60,903.49

Exhibit I
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1971

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>
<i>Tax Collector:</i>			
Earle D. Hardy Peerless Insurance Co.	S-47-92-34	\$37,000.00	Mar. 9. 1971
<i>Deputy Tax Collector</i>			
Mary C. Devine Peerless Insurance Co.	S-90-74-60	\$37,000.00	Mar. 9, 1971
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>			
Norman E. Valliere Peerless Insurance Co.	S-39-57-71	\$37,000.00	Mar. 9, 1971
<i>Deputy Town Treasurer:</i>			
Bruce Sanderson Peerless Insurance Co.	S-53-91-89	\$37,000.00	Mar. 9, 1971
<i>Town Clerk:</i>			
Charlotte Straw Peerless Insurance Co.	S-34-04-03	\$ 8,000.00	Mar. 9, 1971
<i>Deputy Town Clerk:</i>			
Louise I. Detscher Peerless Insurance Co.	S-95-13-62	\$ 8,000.00	Mar. 9, 1971
<i>Town Manager:</i>			
Earle D. Hardy Peerless Insurance Co.	S-44-50-93	\$ 5,000.00	Mar. 9, 1971
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds:</i>			
Henry H. Stark Peerless Insurance Co.	S-36-47-87	\$ 9,000.00	Mar. 9, 1971
Clyde C. Brown Peerless Insurance Co.	S-39-42-07	\$ 9,000.00	Mar. 11, 1969
Willard S. Grad Peerless Insurance Co.	S-95-13-55	\$ 9,000.00	Mar. 10, 1970
<i>Clerk - Municipal Court:</i>			
Mary Jane Youngjohn American Fidelity Co.	93-78-55	\$ 5,000.00	Nov. 13, 1970

Report of the Planning Board

1972 was a busy and interesting year. The Planning Board has been meeting almost every week to handle the work load. The second and fourth Tuesdays of the month are designed for processing land subdivision plans, 60 plans were approved in 1972.

Amendments to update the subdivision regulations were prepared this fall. The public hearing was held on Nov. 3, 1972 and the amendments were adopted by the Board on Dec. 5, 1972.

The Board worked on an Island Zone and requirements at the request of island taxpayers also a few amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Hearings were held on the amendments Jan. 19th and Feb. 9, 1973.

The Planning Board wishes to extend its appreciation to Mr. Harry Page for his time and assistance as a member and chairman of the board. Mr. Page resigned prior to leaving for the winter in Florida. Mr. Jason Blais was assigned as a new member.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. C. George Chmn.
Mr. D. Hanson
Mr. C. Ulm
Mr. W. Robinson
Mr. J. Blais
Gen'l R. Atteberry
Mrs. R. Montana Sec'y

Report of the Lakes Region Planning Commission

Mr. Earle D. Hardy
Town Manager
Municipal Building
Meredith, New Hampshire 03253

Dear Mr. Hardy:

The Lakes Region Planning Commission is in its second full year of operation and has accomplished most of its objectives despite the enlargement of the Region and the uncertainties of State and Federal programs. This is due primarily to the continued support of local communities and the fact that new communities are participating in our Commission with the result that local costs can be spread over a broader base.

Attached you will find the Report of the Director for 1972 which outlines the efforts of the Commission Regionally and Locally. It is anticipated that as many as six new communities may join the Commission, based on current interest. The result of this, of course, is a decrease in the level for funding being requested from existing members compared to the previous year. The commission has anticipated this in the current request for funds from Meredith which is \$3,083.00 for fiscal year 1973-74.

Attached is a copy of the appropriations requested from each community within the Regional boundaries. The formula, as in the past, is based 50 percent on population and 50 percent on equalized valuation. There are three methods presently being employed for inserting the appropriation in the proposed budget. These include (1) part of the Selectmen's budget, (2) part of the Planning Board budget, and (3) as a separate warrant article. It is felt that either of the former methods recognizes the role of Regional Planning as a valid part of ongoing local government.

Should you have specific activities which should be considered in the coming year or questions, please do not hesitate to contact either your local representatives or the Commission's office in Meredith.

Finally, you will find attached an Audit Report of the Commission's activities from June 1971 through June 1972. This report is updated by the Commission's Quarterly Report of expenditures through December, 1972.

Cordially,
David G. Scott
Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Bradbury Sprague, Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Mr. Bruce D. Heald, Board of Selectmen
Mr. Roy L. Atteberry, Board of Selectmen

Mr. Doug Hanson, LRPC Representative
Mr. Charles George, LRPC Representative

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lakes Region Planning Commission

1972

The Lakes Region Planning Commission has emphasized two major directions of work during the past year. The first was to prepare Regional Plans and related programs. The second is to provide professional planning assistance and advice to local communities.

The type of effort expended varies with the program. Regional concerns are technical, have a broader perspective, and require inter-governmental coordination coupled with extensive data gathering. On the other hand, local assistance is person-to-person and requires a greater sensitivity for local concerns and interests. This report will attempt to provide a measure of the Commission's progress in both directions for the past year.

I. REGIONAL PLANNING

A. Land Use Planning

1. Land Capability: The Commission's staff is completing a study and analysis of the Region's soils and topography. When completed, the report will provide generalized Regional land capabilities related to land development. The specific characteristics of soils for each community was determined from the data provided by the Soil Conservation Service in both Carroll and Belknap counties. The Carroll County information was preliminary and the staff used field sheets in preparing the report. The Regional report will be updated following publication of the final Carroll County Soils Report.

2. Population: A draft report of Regional Population Characteristics has been prepared and the preliminary figures have provided basic input for the Sewage Disposal and Solid Waste Disposal Plans.

3. Existing Land Use: A generalized Existing Land Use Map and text has been prepared. Initial information was derived from maps of the Department of Public Works and Highways and was subsequently field checked.

4. Future Land Use: The staff is preparing a draft of the Regional Future Land Use Plan. The first draft, when completed, will be presented to the Commission for discussion and review.

B. Sewage Disposal

The firm of C. E. Maguire, Inc. was selected to prepare a Water Quality Plan for the Lakes Region which will provide for the development of Sewage Disposal Systems within the Region. This firm recently completed the Winnipesaukee River Basin Study which included a preliminary review of the possibility of constructing a pipeline around Lake Winnipesaukee. The present program builds on the Basin Study and investigates six alternative systems and evaluates each in terms of capital, operation and maintenance costs, and potential environmental impact. The draft report has been received by the Commission and is being reviewed. Additional copies are being forwarded to the State Water Pollution Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Farmers' Home Administration.

C. Solid Waste Disposal

The Regional Solid Waste Program was initiated on November 2nd and 3rd with meetings in Ossipee and Meredith respectively, for municipalities east and west of Lake Winnipesaukee, with a representative of the firm of Metcalf & Eddy. An Engineer has reviewed the existing facilities in each community. Follow-up discussions have been held with representatives of all but two towns.

Recommendations of the first phase of the program are expected in May of this year. Phase II will be completed in the fall. Requests for funding the construction of the proposed facilities will be in the preparation stages during the coming summer.

D. Economic Profile

In anticipation of doing an Economic Base Study, the Commission's staff is preparing an Economic Profile of the Region which will indicate the present situation relative to employment, municipal facilities and relative tax levels, existing industries, population and levels of municipal services. This Profile should be of value to those communities which are concerned with changes in their industrial or commercial base. The assistance of the State Office of Industrial Development is particularly appreciated.

E. Housing and Health Planning

A program for the analysis of available housing and the delivery of health services is being prepared for the Region to be initiated at a later date and possibly not until the new fiscal year.

II. LOCAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE

The Commission views this aspect of its program as having the greatest immediate benefit for the smaller communities whose financial

support provides them with basic planning assistance. An important segment of our work load relates to the every day inquiries that come from elected and appointed Town and City officials, businessmen, realtors, potential developers and concerned residents. Many such contacts have been handled through the towns' representatives on the Commission. We have not attempted to list or record this type of contact, primarily because of the excessive time and paper work involved.

Several projects undertaken as Regional activities are important to the individual communities. For example, individual town soils maps were prepared as a basis for the Regional Map. In Carroll County this meant that the Commission used the preliminary field sheets to assemble the required data for each town. This basic information should be extremely valuable to local Planning Boards for land development codes and ordinances.

Most of the member communities have been concerned with Tax Mapping. The Commission's staff, as a result of this expressed concern, has prepared a report relative to Tax Mapping for use by member communities, which has received wide distribution throughout the Region and State. A third example is the evaluation of existing local Solid Waste facilities as part of the Regional program. This information, coupled with the Commission's population figures, will enable the towns to plan for future expenditures.

Alton: Specific information has been provided to the Alton Planning Board on the handling of Site Plans, Mobile Homes, Cluster Development, and Planned Unit Development. The Regional Commission is presently in the process of acquiring the materials, updating and redrafting the Alton Town Base Map and will prepare a new Zoning Map.

Belmont: The Belmont Planning Board has been concerned with questions involving subdivision review and proposed Mobile Home Parks. Several meetings were held with the Chairman to review specific proposals. Assistance has been provided on Building Codes, Subdivision Regulations and, more recently, an in-depth discussion of alternate ways of providing for Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks.

Brookfield: The Town is deeply concerned with several huge tracts of mountain land which may soon be developed. They have requested advice and assistance on this matter.

Center Harbor: The Planning Board requested and received assistance in updating the Zoning Ordinance, redrafting and reduction of the Zoning Map. The reduced 8½ x 11 map is also useful for directional maps for summer visitors. Sufficient copies of the Ordinance were prepared for use by the Town. The Commission also assisted in the preparation of most of the existing Ordinances for professional printing.

Effingham: The Commission assisted the Town in having a Planning

Board established in 1972. A Town Base Map has been prepared and the Planning Board has received advice and assistance in doing a mail-out survey and initiating a locally undertaken Existing Land Use Study.

Gilford: The Town Selectmen and Planning Board requested a study of Gunstock Acres Development and its impact on the Town relative to existing Ordinances and Regulations. The completed study, which is applicable to a number of Regional communities, indicates that strengthening of Town Ordinances is required.

The Base Map was updated, the Town Zoning Map was redrafted and reduced to 8½ x 11 for hand-out purposes. Specific proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were reviewed and have received comment. Copies of Chapter 479-A of the New Hampshire Statutes (N.H. Condominium Law) and specific information relative to fee schedules for Subdivision review was provided.

Recent proposals to develop Smith Cove have been reviewed

Hebron: A meeting was held in Hebron to review the needs of that Town with the Selectmen and Planning Board. Assistance was provided relative to initiating a Townwide Soils Survey.

Holderness: A meeting was held in Holderness at which it was determined that Tax Mapping information was needed and a Townwide Soils Survey a must. The Commission has provided the former information and will assist the Town with the latter and with the initiation of a Town Plan.

Laconia: The City is most concerned with having the Region certified for Federal funds. The Regional Planning portion of this report reflects this activity.

Since the resignation of the City Planner, the Commission has attempted to provide advice and assistance aimed at continuing existing programs. This has included occasional review of complicated development plans, telephone discussions with the Building Official relative to Zoning, and three or four meetings.

Meredith: The Planning Board has received review and comment on a proposed Subdivision check list and Zoning amendments. A meeting was held to review a proposed development and a proposed Mobile Home Park received careful scrutiny and comment.

The Regional Commission is presently preparing a reproducible Town Zoning Map in accordance with suggestions received from the Town Manager.

Moultonboro: Assisted in the preparation and distribution of the

proposed Subdivision Regulations. Assisted in having the Town Base Map redrafted at a smaller, more useful scale and size.

Ossipee: The Town Planning Board has been advised of procedures for administering Subdivision Regulations and the bonding of new roads and improvements and a meeting is scheduled with Town Officials.

Sanbornton: Recommendations for the updating of the Sanbornton Zoning Ordinance were prepared, including alternatives for handling Mobile Homes. The Subdivision Regulations were reviewed and recommendations submitted. Copies were provided to the Planning Board. The Director appeared in support of the Town in the recent challenge of their Zoning Ordinance.

Sandwich: Assisted the Town in acquiring prints of Town Maps, enabling Legislation and Subdivision changes. Met with the Planning Board and Selectmen to discuss the soils survey, provision of adequate housing in the village and the Town Plan.

Tamworth: Supported the Town's request to become a member of the Lakes Region which was subsequently approved by the Governor.

Tilton: The Director has worked closely with the Tilton Planning Board, which has recently lost most of its long-term members, in selecting a Consultant to prepare a Comprehensive Plan. The Town Zoning Map was reviewed, redrafted and is being brought up to date. An Existing Land Use Map was prepared. The Consultant studying the Town Water System was provided population and related data.

Tuftonboro: Prepared a Preliminary Land Use Study and Map prior to developing a simple Land Use Ordinance. Worked with the Board on revisions. When the Ordinance failed, at a regular meeting, provided a review of the revised Ordinance prepared by the Planning Board, which was subsequently approved by a Special Town Meeting. Met with a Board member relative to Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks.

The Planning Board make extensive use of the telephone, particularly with respect to administration of Subdivision Regulations.

Wakefield: Provided a review with comments relative to the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Wolfeboro: Wolfeboro has requested that the Commission complete the Regional Water Quality Plan — which is nearing completion — and become certified to assure maximum funding to the Town.

Have met with the Town Selectmen. Reviewed the realignment of Route No. 28, provided information on the provision of Ambulance Service

and have reviewed Wolfeboro's request for recreation funds.

III. SPECIAL PROJECTS

A. Legal Research

The Commission requested that a local attorney undertake a study to consider the feasibility of using Town Ordinances to control specific land use problems as an alternate to an overall Zoning Ordinance. The study suggests the possibilities...and limitations of this approach

B. Data Collection

The Commission is developing a library of local data, including plans, maps, reports and related information for use within the Region. This is available to all Lakes Region residents for use in the office.

1973-74 Work Program

- (1) Public discussion of an eventual adoption of the Regional Land Use Plan. Development of a coordinated Open Space Plan.
- (2) Public discussion of an eventual adoption of the Regional Water Quality Management Plan.
- (3) Completion of the Solid Waste Plan and initiation of preparation for implementing funds.
- (4) Expansion of the present plans to cover the newly enlarged Region.
- (5) Increased efforts at working with Planning Boards and Boards of Selectmen in the preparation of plans and implementing regulations and ordinances.
- (6) Continuing programs on housing, recreation and the collection of data pertinent to each of the Commission's programs.

Lakes Region Planning Commission Financial Report

Lakes Region Planning Commission
11 Lang Street
Meredith, New Hampshire 03253

Gentlemen:

We have examined the statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Lakes Region Planning Commission as at June 30, 1972, and the related statements of receipts and disbursements and analysis of fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Lakes Region Planning Commission was created by the State of New Hampshire under Chapter 36, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Section 36:45 through 36:53.

The basic bookkeeping method employed by the Lakes Region Planning Commission is the cash basis method for recording of cash receipts and cash disbursements. Its statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances, however, is prepared under the accrual method of accounting giving recognition to amounts receivable and payable. As the organization entity is a planning commission, it is the opinion of the auditors that the costs of its studies and other programs should be accumulated as assets in its balance sheet. It is the opinion of the auditors that such information is of primary importance to the users of its financial reports. Such assets, although not physical in nature, are expected to bring further benefits in the future.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances and the statements of cash receipts and disbursements and analysis of fund balances present fairly the financial position of the Lakes Region Planning Commission as at June 30, 1972, and the results of its cash receipts and disbursements and analysis of fund balances for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to the statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances and in accordance with cash basis method of statement preparation for the statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

Very truly yours,

Dana S. Beane, Jr.
Certified Public Accountant

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
Exhibit A

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances
As at June 30, 1972

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash:

Checking Account	\$ 303.90
Savings Account (Note 1)	20,390.26
Reimbursable advances	27.50
Advance to State of N.H. (Note 2)	4,757.00
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	\$25,478.66

Fixed Assets:

Office Equipment	1,959.22
Less - Accumulated depreciation	164.61
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	\$ 1,794.61

Planning Assets:

Initial Housing Element Study	3,500.00
Overall Program Design Study	2,000.00
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	\$ 5,500.00

Total Assets	\$32,773.27
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 620.53
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Fund Balances:

General Fund	\$24,858.13
Fixed Asset Fund	1,794.61
Planning Fund	5,500.00
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$32,152.74
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	\$32,773.27

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Exhibit A-1

**Analysis of Fund Balances
As At June 30, 1972**

GENERAL FUND

Balance, July 1, 1971	\$ None
Add:	
Excess of receipts over disbursements - Exhibit B	303.90
Excess of advances over payables	4,163.97
Cash received in advance for fiscal year	
1972-73 placed in savings account (Note 1)	20,390.26
Balance, June 30, 1972	<u>\$24,858.13</u>

FIXED ASSET FUND

Balance, July 1, 1971	\$ None
Add - Fixed Assets purchased	1,959.22
Less - Depreciation for Year	164.61
Balance, June 30, 1972	<u>\$ 1,794.61</u>

PLANNING FUND

Balance, July 1, 1971	\$ None
Add - Total cost of studies completed:	
Initial Housing Element and Overall	
Program Design Study:	
Federal Grants	3,632.00
Commission's Share	1,868.00
Balance, June 30, 1972	<u>\$5,500.00</u>

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Exhibit B

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ended June 30, 1972

Cash Balance, July 1, 1971 \$ None

Receipts:

Town and City Grants:

Fiscal year ending June 30, 1972	\$34,025.00
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1973 (Note 1)	20,390.26

Department of Housing and Urban

Development (Note 3)	4,232.00
Miscellaneous	23.40

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\$58,670.66

Disbursements:

Director's Salary	\$14,976.00
Clerical Salaries	4,230.25
Social Security Tax	971.74
Advances to Director of Blue Cross	27.50
Insurance	210.00
Office Rent	400.00
Office Repairs	189.66
Office Supplies	1,490.56
Telephone	517.19
Accounting	125.00
Planning Expense	1,159.08
Publications and Training	401.90
Director Research Expense	161.40
Purchase of Office Equipment	1,959.22
Initial Housing Element and	
Overall Program Design Studies	5,500.00
State Administrative Cost of Initial Housing	
Element and Overall Program Design Studies	900.00
Advance to State for Regional Sewerage	
Disposal Plan and Program	4,757.00
Transfer of fiscal 1972-73 funds to	
Savings Account (Note 1)	20,390.26

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\$58,366.76

Cash Balance, June 30, 1972

\$ 303.90

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Notes to Financial Statements As at June 30, 1972

General:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated Federal grants to the State of New Hampshire under the Comprehensive Planning Assistance Program. These grants are available to regional planning commissions through the Office of Comprehensive Planning, State of New Hampshire. The grants provide two-thirds of the total cost and the participants provide the remaining one-third. All contracts under the program are administered by the Office of State Planning. Receipts and disbursements made by the State on behalf of the Lakes Region Planning Commission have been reflected in these statements.

Note 1:

This cash has been collected from member cities and towns to be used for budgetary purposes during the July 1, 1972, to June 30, 1973, fiscal year. The Commission has adopted such fiscal accounting period (its first full twelve months of existence) to coincide with the State and Federal fiscal accounting periods.

Note 2:

This advance was requested by the Office of State Planning, State of New Hampshire, for the Regional Sewerage Disposal Study for which the State awarded a contract to the firm of C - E Maguire, Inc. The contract was signed May 19, 1972; however, as of June 30, 1972, no billable work had been performed by C-E Maguire, Inc. The total cost of the contract is \$12,500.00, shared by the Lakes Region Planning Commission and Federal government as follows:

	LRPC	Federal	Total
C-E Maguire, Inc. Contract	\$ 4,083.00	\$ 8,167.00	\$12,500.00
State Administrative Cost	674.00	1,348.00	2,022.00
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	\$ 4,757.00	\$ 9,515.00	\$14,522.00

Note 3:

Of this amount, \$3,632.00 was disbursed by the State to Metcalf and Eddy, Inc. for the Initial Housing Element and Overall Program Design Studies, and \$600.00 was retained by the State for administrative cost.

Report Of The Parks and Playgrounds Commission

Again this year we would like to thank the taxpayers of Meredith for appropriating and raising the money necessary for a successful summer program. We would also like to thank all the individuals for their support in offering ideas for future programs.

Work was done on Prescott Park Club House, including painting and interior renovations. All the fences, dugouts, and other buildings have been stained. New drinking fountains have been installed.

Nathan Torr supervised the activities at all of our Parks, and in the Commission's opinion did an excellent job, as our daily attendance for swimming, arts and crafts, tennis, and many other activities was well above 250 youngsters daily. The program last year was extended to include ladies tennis which had an overwhelming turnout with everyone having a good time.

The only project we were unable to complete was the construction of a retaining wall at Waukewan Beach pending matching funds from the State Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. Funding has now been approved, and we hope construction will begin in the spring.

The Commission hopes that the Town will continue to support the fine programs and projects that have been started. We also think that Parks and Playgrounds program of the Town of Meredith compares favorably with any park or playground program in the State of New Hampshire. The attraction is self-evident when we note the activity at Prescott Park, Leavitt Park Beach, Waukewan Beach, Hesky Park and Clough Park which are used extensively during the spring, summer and fall months.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Quimby, Chairman

Richard Detscher

Robert Kroupa

Stephen Nedea

Lawrence Swain

Nathan J. Torr, Director

Librarian's Report

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

Annual Circulation & Use:

Adult non-fiction, 7,015, fiction 11,745; books for children 11,074; recordings 466; films 177. Grand total circulation, 30,477.

Book Stock:

Totals 1971:

Adult non-fiction, 5328, fiction, 4145; juvenile, 3989.

New Acquisitions:

Purchases-adult non-fiction 362, fiction 361; juvenile 130. Gifts-adult non-fiction 78, fiction 50; juvenile 3. Reference purchases - 17; gifts 7. Totals: adult non-fiction 5768, fiction 4556; juvenile 4122; references 803. Less Discards & lost books: adult non-fiction 55, fiction 104; juvenile 176; reference 1.

Recordings:

Total 1971, 408; purchases, 10; gifts1; less discards 1. Net Total 418. Films 2. Grand Total, books, recordings & films, 15,333.

Registered Borrowers:

Adult 1033; juvenile 487.

Periodicals & Newspapers:

Purchases, 43 magazines, 1 newspaper. Meredith News and 42 magazines by gift.

Library Hours:

Monday & Wednesday — 2 to 5, 6:30 to 8:30. Tuesday — 10 to noon, 2 to 5 & 6:30 to 8:30. Friday & Saturday — 10 to noon, 2 to 5. Closed Saturday afternoon during July & August.

Books From the Bookmobile:

1921. Direct requests, 294, (Inter-library loans).

Meetings Attended:

Central District Advisory Council; Book Cooperatives; New Hampshire Library Association; New England Library Association; Presented Program for the Woman's Progress Club; New Hampshire Library Trustees Association; Film Previews for the North Country Libraries (Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont).

Committee Membership:

Delegate and member of the Qualifications Committee for the Central District Advisory Council; Member of the Planning Committee for the Northern Institute Outreach Leadership Network; New England Library Association Committee on Continuing Education.

Outreach:

Letters to Meredith residents courtesy the New England Electric Cooperative; Mailing books to shut-ins; Publicity & display for Poetry Week; book collections for the Meredith Bay Nursing Home; book displays in Allen's Barbershop and Village Fabrics; Art displays by Doris Cotton, Mrs. Theodore Giebutowski, Needlework by Margaret Lunt, drawings and three dimensional artwork of the first grades under the direction of Richard Hutton; Talking Book Machines & records for Meredith residents; paperback "Swap Box"; Program for Woman's Progress Club; Consumer Program on "Food Additives" presented by Merle Kincaid; "Aware: a program on library services for the handicapped" presented at the Elementary School Auditorium; Central District Advisory Council met at library in January with Emil W. Allen, Jr., State Librarian as speaker. Book Cooperative held here same morning. Open an extra evening (Tuesday) and an extra half hour each evening. Invited Mrs. Beem and Mrs. Davenport to bring their class to the library to decorate the Christmas tree; entertained them with Christmas stories and refreshments.

Under the direction of Assistant-librarian Marilyn Rushton we've had story hours, a patriotic birthday party in February; making doll-house rooms from cartons; a poster contest, awards made during story hour National Library Week; a play for Children's Book Week presented to 150

parents and children; In cooperation with the playground Director Nathan Torr, we held story hours, showed films and had three visits from "The Little Red Wagon" the latter through a Federal Grant.

101 children registered for the Vacation Reading Club and enjoyed their trip to "Funspot."

Dr. Thomas H. Briggs left a bequest of \$500.00 to be used at the discretion of the librarian. A collection of Audio-Visual materials is planned.

Gifts of money, books, bookmarks from the Guy Horne Insurance Agency, book bags from the Meredith Banks and the Meredith News are all sincerely appreciated.

We depend on the Friends of the Library for help during our programs. They donated \$100.00 for adult books. Their report follows this one.

MARION R. WATSON
Librarian

MARILYN E. RUSHTON,
Assistant Librarian

Friends of the Library

Annual Report - 1972

As they have done in previous years the Friends of the Library exchanged books for the Meredith Bay Nursing Home, and assisted with refreshments at various library programs. Last year, in addition to children's parties, the library sponsored seminar for the handicapped at Inter-Lakes School. The Friends had one dessert bridge and two sales, a very successful lawn sale in the summer and a less successful winter sale.

Plans for the future include participation in the Meredith 4th of July celebration this summer.

Report of the N. H. Humane Society

Office of the Selectmen
Meredith Town Hall
Meredith, N. H. 03253

Gentlemen:

For 1972, the Town of Meredith appropriated \$500 to the N. H. Humane Society. This was used to help operate the society shelter making it available to your Police to leave strays and restrain bite cases; to fulfill the town's requirement to the State Rabies Control Act 442-A; and aid your residents with their animal problems.

In January, the society will give you the figures on the number of animals and Meredith residents that came to the shelter in 1972. The new enlarged shelter will set a record with the number of people and animals that required its services this year.

The enclosed letter outlines the service to be offered your animal control officers and residents for the coming year 1973. We request the Town of Meredith appropriate \$500 to the N. H. Humane Society for 1973.

Sincerely yours,

Fritz T. Sabbow
Executive Director

TO YOUR POLICE OR DOG OFFICER

Your budget appropriation to the New Hampshire Humane Society provides:

1. Your compliance with the New Hampshire Statutes requiring isolation facilities on animals that must be restrained for possible Rabies, Chapter 442-A, Rabies Control Act.
2. These facilities are available 24 hours a day for your dog officer or police to leave strays.
3. Assist towns with unusual animal problems and will help train dog officers in all phases of animal work.
4. Will cremate all dead animals.
5. Society investigates all complaints of cruelty and suffering to animals and will go to court in their behalf if necessary.

SERVICE AVAILABLE TO YOUR RESIDENTS

1. The facilities are open to the public seven days a week, 9 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 5 p.m. for them to bring their unwanted animals.
2. Will assist owners with pets that must be put to sleep using the most modern painless method and will cremate all dead animals.
3. Will restrain owners animals in bite cases.
4. Has a continual educational program for schools, clubs, children and adults and offers booklets on the training and care of animals.
5. Offers to the public, healthy animals for adoption. All have been examined by the society veterinarian, wormed if needed, all puppies are given a puppy distemper vaccination and all cats and kittens a regular distemper vaccination.
6. Offers a spaying fund for all cats and kittens adopted from the shelter.
7. The Society Shelter is the largest in New Hampshire, now in its 73 Year and the only facility of its kind in Central and Northern New Hampshire open all year round to help animals.

Meredith Water Department

Report of Water Commissioners

Year Ending December 31, 1972

The Water Commissioners of the Meredith Water Department are pleased to submit a report of activities of the Department during 1972 along with a report of audit by the State Tax Commission for the two previous years. The audit report for 1972 will appear in the 1973 Town Report. Due to reorganization within the accounting department of the State Tax Commission and limited personnel, the delay was unusual.

Several important phases of the improvements of the Water Department were completed in 1972 under the general supervision of Superintendent Robert Woodman. The outstanding accomplishment was the replacement of the four-inch water mains on Stevens Avenue, Lake Street and Elm Street. The condition of the four-inch pipe was found to be very poor and would not have supplied any appreciable volume of water to any of the hydrants connected to these mains. The opening in the pipes had gradually been reduced by a rust formation to about one and one half inches in diameter. Approximately 500-feet of new six-inch cement lined pipe was laid on Lake Street, eleven hundred feet of the same on Stevens Avenue, and about twelve hundred feet of ten-inch cement lined pipe was laid on Elm Street along with the replacement of all old hydrants which were supplied from the four-inch mains. A four-way system of branches and valves was installed at the junction of Elm and Pleasant Streets providing for a new pipe to be laid across Meredith Bay from Dover Street and connected to the system at the junction point at a later date.

This leaves one more smaller project for 1973 which is to clean and line the section of six-inch water main on Winnipesaukee Street between Pleasant Street and Route 3.

Considerable progress was made in replacing old water meters with new ones with remote outside readers. Two hundred of the new units have already been installed and another hundred of the new meters will be installed during 1973. This will tend to provide us with more measurement of water consumed and will shorten the time necessary to read the meters since the readers will not have to gain entrance to the buildings. This is particularly important with the beginning of semi-annual meter readings for billing purposes beginning April first of this year.

The new schedule for reading meters will indicate if any particular consumer is using an exceptionally large volume of water and call it to the consumer's attention before a situation may get out of hand. Reading meters semi-annually will also tend to even out the flow of revenue into the Water Department.

Another important improvement to the Water Department was the replacement of the four-inch supply pipe to the pump on Waukewan Lake with a six-inch plastic pipe. This provided the increased capacity that can be delivered to the reservoir during the summer months necessary to maintain a sufficient level in the reservoir to provide for fighting fire or satisfy possible drought conditions. The installation of the plastic pipe will buy time for us to up-date our water supply with high quality water and a greater capacity.

This year the voters will consider abolishing the Water Commission and transferring the duties of the Commission to the Board of Selectmen. The Town has been fortunate in having dedicated citizens with exceptional experience-background serving over the years as members of the Water Commission. The Water Department, however, is becoming more integrated with the other town departments, making use of highway department personnel and equipment and with clerical work carried out by Town office employees.

The Water Commissioners ordinarily meet monthly to review disbursements and discuss problems and lay plans for various projects. With the increase in Water Department activity, it appears advisable for more frequent meetings of a Board making policy decisions and to allow the administration of the Water Department to be a function of the Town Manager's Office. Since the Board of Selectmen meet on a weekly basis, authoritative and policy making functions could be dealt with on a more current level.

It is a foregone conclusion that the Manager's Office has become overburdened with details of inspection of sewer, water and highway construction projects: and it is the consensus of opinion of the Board of Selectmen and Water Commissioners that the time has arrived when a person with engineering experience and background is needed. The expense of employing such a person could be partly supported by Water Department revenues on a proportional basis with the Sewer and Highway Departments. The Water Commissioners contend that such a move is vital and necessary.

The question as to whether or not the Water Commission will be abolished will appear on a written ballot at the polls on the first Tuesday of March. If voted favorably, we will do everything possible to assist the Board of Selectmen, and if not we will continue to do our best to serve to the Town of Meredith as Water Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. MacINTYRE

KENNETH W. RUSSELL

RICHARD S. WOODAMAN

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

September 19, 1972

Board of Selectmen
Meredith
New Hampshire 03253

Gentlemen:

We have examined and audited the accounts of the Meredith Water Department for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1969, December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit, including Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report consists of three sections, as follows:

Section I - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969
Section II - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1970
Section III - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

SCOPE OF AUDIT

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-3)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1968-69, December 31, 1969-70 and December 31, 1970-71, are presented in Exhibits A-1, A-2 and A-3. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$17,871.22 in 1969, \$26,512.98 in 1970 and \$26,266.40 in 1971.

Because the general accounting records are incomplete for the years covered by this examination, we are unable to express an opinion as to the fairness of the financial condition stated in these Exhibits.

TREASURER

Classified Statements of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibits B-1, B-2 and B-3)

Classified Statements of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal years

ended December 31, 1969, December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971, are presented in Exhibits B-1, B-2 and B-3

GENERAL COMMENTS

We again direct your attention to the lack of accounting controls which have existed for a number of years.

1. General ledger accounts have not been posted since the fiscal year 1963. Likewise, property and equipment accounts have not been updated during this period.
2. Proceeds of bonds sold in 1968 are still commingled with general fund cash, and on various occasions have been used to defray current maintenance charges, or for the purchase of equipment having a limited useful life.
3. There exists a high rate of delinquency in outstanding accounts receivable.
4. Inventories of materials and supplies on hand are not kept.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To correct the deficiencies noted above, we again recommend the following:

1. The general ledger accounts should be brought up to date at once and posted currently each month.
2. Unexpended bond proceeds should be transferred to a separate checking account for administration and control. This procedure is required by the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (R. S. A. Chapter 33).
3. Appropriate action should be taken to enforce collection of delinquent water rents receivable. The policy of turning off water service to delinquent customers is the most effective method of reducing delinquency in the accounts.
4. The books should be kept on the accrual basis of accounting, in a manner consistent with that prescribed for utility operations. This method of accounting requires that all financial transactions affecting the financial position or the results of operations be recorded when they occur. Consequently, the existence of inventories must be recognized, provisions must be made for recording annual depreciation expense, and unpaid liabilities must be recorded when incurred.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Section 27-a, Chapter 71, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, require that the auditors summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this report is optional. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials and office staff of the Meredith Water Department for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,
FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE
Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

SECTION I

Exhibit A-1
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Water Department
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1968 and December 31, 1969

ASSETS	<i>December 31, 1968</i>	<i>December 31, 1969</i>
Cash:		
General Fund	\$149,510.37	\$ 75,436.81
Customers' Deposits	1,925.63	423.13
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	\$151,436.00	\$ 75,859.94
Water Rents Receivable	9,394.39	7,154.12
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Total Assets	\$160,830.39	\$ 83,014.06
Net Debt	242,200.91	224,329.69
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Total Assets & Net Debt	\$403,031.30	\$307,343.75
 LIABILITIES		
Unexpended Balance of Bond Funds	\$145,000.67	\$ 71,420.62
Customer Deposits	2,030.63	423.13
Long Term Notes Payable	31,000.00	25,500.00
Bonds Payable	225,000.00	210,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$403,031.30	\$307,343.75

Exhibit B-1
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Water Department
Classified Statement of Receipts, Expenditures
and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Balance - January 1, 1969	\$149,510.07
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Receipts During Year:

Water Rents	\$24,413.74
Hydrant Rental —	
Town of Meredith	7,200.00
Interest Earned	7,587.09
Entrance Fees	1,929.33
Miscellaneous	17.65
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	41,147.81
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	\$190,657.88

Expenditures During Year:

New Mains	\$77,056.30
Services	683.25
Hydrants	3,265.29
Meters	18.56
Other Equipment	143.74
Materials & Supplies	3,809.64
Long Term Notes Paid	5,500.00
New Truck	2,125.00
Reservoir Labor	240.75
Pumping Station Labor	735.47
Purification Labor	2,552.02
Pumping Station	
Supplies & Expenses	1,852.12
Purification System	
Supplies & Expenses	616.86
Repairs to Water Supply	
Structure & Equipment	3,372.25
Distribution Labor	1,247.43
Water Department Labor	1,507.59
Water Department	
Supplies & Expenses	136.31
Other Distribution	
Supplies & Expenses	89.74
Repairs to Mains	37.83
Repairs to Services	695.35
Repairs to Hydrants	490.09
Repairs to Meters	29.25
Salaries of General Officers	1,650.00
General Office Expenses	594.28

Other General Expenses	3,568.15
Insurance	1,482.74
Stationery & Printing	74.75
Garage Expenses	476.26
Interest Paid	1,170.00
	<u>115,221.07</u>
Balance - December 31, 1969	\$ 75,436.81

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company -	
Per Statement December 31, 1969	\$28,153.05
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>1,032.99</u>
	\$27,120.06
Add: U.S. Treasury Note -	
Due June 18, 1970	<u>48,216.75</u>
	\$75,336.81
Add: Change Cash Fund -	
December 31, 1969	<u>100.00</u>
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1969	\$75,436.81

Exhibit C-1
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Water Department
Summary of Customers' Deposits Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Balance - January 1, 1969	\$1,925.63
<i>Receipts During Year:</i>	
Due From General Fund	105.00
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	\$2,030.63
<i>Expenditures During Year:</i>	
Deposits Refunded	1,607.50
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Balance - December 31, 1969	423.13

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company -	
Per Statement December 31, 1969	\$212.50
On Deposit in the Meredith Village Savings Bank	
Book Number 21890	210.63
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Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1969	\$423.13

SECTION II

Exhibit A-2
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Water Department
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1969 and December 31, 1970

ASSETS	<i>December 31, 1969</i>	<i>December 31, 1970</i>
<i>Cash:</i>		
General Fund	\$75,436.81	\$40,380.51
Petty Cash Fund	100.00	
Customers' Deposits	423.13	443.95
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	\$ 75,859.94	\$40,924.46
<i>Water Rents Receivable</i>	7,154.12	20,371.51
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Total Assets	83,014.06	61,295.97
Net Debt	224,329.69	197,816.71
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Total Assets & Net Debt	\$307,343.75	\$259,112.68
LIABILITIES		
<i>Unexpended Balance of Bond Funds</i>	\$ 71,420.62	\$ 43,668.73
<i>Customer Deposits</i>	423.13	443.95
<i>Notes Payable</i>	25,500.00	20,000.00
<i>Bonds Payable</i>	210,000.00	195,000.00
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<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$307,343.75	\$259,112.68

Exhibit B-2
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Water Department

**Classified Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1970**

Balance - January 1, 1970 \$ 75,436.81

Receipts During Year:

Water Rents	\$18,088.41
Hydrant Rental	7,200.00
Interest Earned	3,272.75
Sprinkler Installation Reimbursement	672.60
Sale of Scrap	17.50
	29,251.26
	\$104,688.07

Expenditures During Year:

Properties During Year.	
New Mains	\$ 5,104.80
Services	109.83
Hydrants	11,030.63
Meters	10,177.83
Other Equipment	1,040.05
Underground Water Supply	3,561.50
Materials & Supplies	2,951.98
Long Term Notes Paid	5,500.00
Reservoir Labor	24.23
Pumping Station Labor	1,432.50
Purification Labor	2,767.45
Pumping Station Supplies & Expenses	1,704.73
Purification System Supplies & Expenses	472.77
Water Supply Structure & Equipment	145.51
Purification System Structure & Equipment	502.30
Meter Department Labor	231.01
Meter Dept. Supplies & Expenses	370.28
Other Distribution Supplies & Expenses	79.00
Repairs To Mains	320.03
Repairs To Services	2,831.23
Repairs To Hydrants	1,334.40
Repairs To Meters	242.16
Salaries of General Officers	1,650.00
General Office Expenses	1,775.77

Other General Expenses	3,683.39
Insurance	581.71
Stationery & Printing	221.00
Garage Expenses	866.50
Interest Paid	970.00
Abatements	1,879.26
Retirement & Soc. Sec. Taxes	645.71
	64,207.56
Balance - December 31, 1970	\$40,480.51

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company -	
Per Statement December 31, 1970	\$49,269.07
Less: Outstanding Checks	8,888.56

	\$40,380.51
Add: Change Cash Fund - December 31, 1970	100.00

Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1970	\$40,480.51

Exhibit C-2
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Water Department
Summary of Customers' Deposits Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1970

Balance - January 1, 1970	\$423.13
<i>Receipts During Year:</i>	
Interest	20.82
Balance - December 31, 1970	\$443.95

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company - Per Statement December 31, 1970	\$212.50
On Deposit in the Meredith Village Savings Bank - Book Number 21890	231.45
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1970	\$443.95

SECTION III

Exhibit A-3
TOWN OF MEREDITH
Water Department
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1970 and December 31, 1971

ASSETS	<i>December 31, 1970</i>	<i>December 31, 1971</i>
<i>Cash:</i>		
General Fund	\$40,380.51	\$41,401.23
Petty Cash Fund	100.00	100.00
Customers' Deposits	443.95	455.73
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	\$ 40,924.46	\$41,956.96
<i>Water Rents Receivable</i>	20,371.51	11,955.61
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Total Assets	\$ 61,295.97	\$ 53,912.57
Net Debt	197,816.71	171,550.31
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Total Assets and Net Debt	\$259,112.68	\$225,462.88
 LIABILITIES		
<i>Unexpended Balance of Non-Revenue</i>		
Appropriations	\$ 43,668.73	\$ 30,507.15
Customers' Deposits	443.95	455.73
Notes Payable	20,000.00	14,500.00
Bonds Payable	195,000.00	180,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$259,112.68	\$225,462.88

Exhibit B-3
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Water Department

Classified Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance
Fiscal year Ended December 31, 1971

RECEIPTS

Water Rents	\$44,773.63
Hydrant Rental	10,800.00
Entrance Fees	150.00
Miscellaneous	70.00
Sewer Rent (Contra)	25.00
 Total Receipts From All Sources	 \$55,818.63
Balance - January 1, 1971	40,480.51
 Grand Total	 \$96,299.14

EXPENDITURES

Administration:

Officers Salaries	\$1,710.00
General Office Expense	1,304.50
Other General Expense	4,597.18
Insurance	2,036.36
Social Security	862.16
Longevity Pay	120.00
Miscellaneous	112.75
	 \$10,742.95

Operating Expenses:

Labor	\$9,056.12
Materials and Supplies	7,309.84
Repairs and Maintenance	6,479.24
Equipment	263.20
Garage Expenses	1,064.24
Improvements to Water System	425.74
	 24,598.38

Capital Outlay:

New Mains	\$2,581.09
Services	1,633.61
Hydrants	446.51
Other Equipment	211.93
Underground Water Supply	8,288.44
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	13,161.58

Indebtedness:

Long Term Notes Paid	\$ 5,500.00
Interest on Long Term Debt	770.00
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	\$ 6,270.00

Sewer Rent (Contra) 25.00

Total Expenditures For All Purposes	\$54,797.91
Balance - December 31, 1971	41,501.23
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Grand Total	\$96,299.14

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company -

Per Statement December 31, 1971 \$42,296.93

Less: Outstanding Checks 895.70

\$41,401.23

Add: Petty Cash Fund 100.00

Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1971 \$41,501.23

Exhibit C-3
TOWN OF MEREDITH

Water Department

Summary of Customers' Deposits Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

Balance - January 1, 1971	\$443.95
<i>Receipts During Year:</i>	
Interest	11.78
Balance - December 31, 1971	\$455.73

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in the Meredith Trust Company - Per Statement December 31, 1971	\$212.50
On Deposit in the Meredith Village Savings Bank - Book Number 21890	243.23
Reconciled Balance - December 31, 1971	\$455.73

Report of Lakes Region Association

The Lakes Region Association What It Does For You And Your Town

As the Lakes Region Association enters its thirty-seventh year of service to the thirty-nine towns and three cities it represents, we face the annual task of appeal to our communities for support of their association. Regional cooperation in economic development as practiced by the Regional Associations in New Hampshire, was once most unique, but now several other states have watched the fruits of our efforts and have adopted a similar program for their state. We present herewith our request for your consideration in the preparation of your town's 1973 Budget.

Your Association becomes the catalyst in coordinating action between the state agencies and the local communities, so that the greatest benefits from research, planning, development and promotion can all be realized in our Region.

Never before has the need been greater to combine funds to get the greatest return for all. Through the Region program your community finds its spokesman, to the interested visitor, who wishes more information on our Region.

Our office services approximately ten thousand letters, each year on this area. Most of our small towns do not have chambers of commerce, and we willingly handle all letters passed on to us by local Selectmen's offices.

For the past three years much of our time has been spent working with Regional Planning Commissions, as both of our efforts are united for the good of the Region. Our efforts do not over-lap, for there are many areas that are in their province and many that they do not cover, that we carry the ball on.

The Lakes Region Association is vitally concerned with every aspect of regional development, concentrating on those problems which are likely to affect the orderly growth and development of one or more of our municipalities. The Regional Association is acutely conscious of the necessity to preserve the unspoiled beauty of our rural towns and protect the amenities of life for which our Region is justly proud.

By your towns proportionate share towards the operation of our office, you have an agent that is working, year round for your needs. Involved in the Region's interest on all points from Natural Resources, highways, community planning, historical sights, as well as publicity and promotion.

You will note that the formula, set long ago when the associations were first formed, is 1-100th of 1 percent of each town's equalized valuation. Today for those towns that have been revalued recently we use a formula of 1-2,000th of 1 percent, which brings it to a more fair figure for each town. However, in either case this is a small amount for each town's share.

We hope your town will vote favorably upon this article.

Respectfully submitted,
Mildred A. Beach,
Executive Secretary

The Lakes Region Association
Wolfeboro, N. H. 03894

Report of the Town Nurse — 1972

The Meredith Public Health Nursing Association is governed by its presiding officers, board of directors, and consultants, who are the local Physicians and the Town Manager.

Our meetings are held on a monthly basis, with nurse's and other reports read. Decisions relative to all operations of the Association must have the full approval of our Boards, and includes the duties of the nurse. Night and emergency calls as requested by the Physician in charge are promptly made, the seriously ill have priority, but all calls are made within 24 hours.

There were less house visits made this year, but we had some very hard and interesting cases. The physical therapist continues to make weekly visits, giving the family instructions on how to carry on the treatment.

Our membership drive netted over \$500.00. Any individual who donates \$1.00 or more is a member of our Association, and is welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings and take part in this community service.

All Home Health Agency meetings and workshops are attended by the nurse and members of the board.

Our service clubs, as well as individuals, do a fine job with donations of money, food, fruit baskets, clothing, boots, shoes, mittens, and it is greatly appreciated by those receiving them.

Our project this year was to make more people aware of our services and all hospitalized patients received this information upon their discharge.

On August 9, 1973 this Association celebrates its 50th Anniversary of caring for the health needs of this community, and we are looking forward to continuing this service to all who may be in need of it.

Respectfully submitted,

Orilla A. Richards, R.N.

MEREDITH

Public Health Nursing Association

Report of the Treasurer for 1972

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1972	\$ 3,746.66
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Receipts:

Medicare	\$ 5,435.20
Blue Cross '65	478.00
N.H. Map	806.00
Town of Meredith	6,800.00
Membership & dues	504.00
Fees collected	984.80
Veterans Administration	15.00
Rotary	38.50
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	\$15,041.50

Disbursements:

Orilla M. Richards, R.N.	6,136.76
June A. Plummer, R.N.	2,350.66
Beverley B. Curtis	1,773.75
Henrietta M. White, R.P.T.	1,152.39
Mileage	785.36
Rent	120.00
Telephone	238.21
Advertising	175.75
Fees Paid others	50.00
Nurse supplies	89.86
Office supplies	193.93
Licenses	6.00
Insurances	169.36
Dues and subscriptions	15.00
Social Security Tax	487.34
Misc. expense	178.70
N.H. Unemployment Comp. Fund	165.18
Office furniture	109.00
Inter-Lakes Clinic	68.00
Internal Revenue	3.04
Postage	80.00
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	14,348.29

Cash on Hand January 1, 1973	\$ 4,439.87
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Respectfully submitted,
John W. Beede, Treas.

Meredith Civic Association Report

The Board of Directors held 10 regular meetings and one special Luncheon Meeting this year.

There were two membership meetings held. The Annual Fall Meeting was held at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant preceded by a dinner. At this meeting Ernest Cummings tendered his resignation as Treasurer. Clarence Thorne, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported for nomination, William Moscardini, Jr. and Dorothy Forsberg for a first two-year term and Robert Kroupa and Maurice Gregoire for a second term. Mr. Bruce Sanderson was appointed by the Board as Treasurer to replace Mr. Cummings. There being no further nominations from the floor, the motion was made and seconded to accept this report and the Secretary to cast one vote.

The Speaker for the evening at this Fall Meeting was Charles Kahl, N. H. Representative for the National Federation of Industrial Businesses.

The Spring Meeting was in the form of a Dinner Dance held at the Waukewan Country Club and proved to be a huge success. Music was provided by Jim McMullin and his music from Portsmouth, N. H.

In March Douglas Beede resigned as a member of the Board due to pressure in business. Elisabeth Marden was appointed by the Board to replace Mr. Beede for the remainder of the year.

12,000 brochures were printed this year with few changes. These were distributed to resorts and places of interest throughout the White Mts., Rest Areas, Sport Shows, Fairs, Travel Bureaus in Nebraska, Penn., and Recreational Offices in N. Y., Mass. and Canada.

Clean-Up Week was again sponsored by the Civic Association. \$35.00 in prizes was awarded to school children for their posters which were displayed in store windows throughout the Town.

The Town voted the usual amount of \$1000.00 to the Association to help defray the expenses of the Information Booth and \$500.00 for fireworks display July 4th. All this was greatly appreciated by the Association.

The Association added \$500.00 and we had a very successful display of fireworks.

The Secretary answered 161 letters this year pertaining to inquiries about the Town in general and 86 letters inquiring about accommodations. Eight listings of these inquiries were sent to members who had cottages and motels to rent and who had supplied the Secretary with stamped self-addressed envelopes.

The Community Tree in Hesky Park was decorated at Christmas time as usual.

Information Booth Report

The Booth was open 79 days this year. The attendants were Hannah Cummings, Lucy Willard and Annette Hamilton.

6,740 cars and 19,561 people were serviced at the Booth. This was 288 cars and 343 people more than last year, though we were open 11 days less than 1971.

Flowers were planted in the window boxes at the Booth and at the Comfort Station. Mr. Gregoire once again donated a new flag and pole for the green in front of the Booth.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah T. Cummings, Secretary

MEREDITH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Report of Treasurer

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1972

Bank Balance - October 1, 1971	\$ 119.29
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Receipts:

Town of Meredith 71 & 72 Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Town of Meredith Warrant Appropriation	500.00
Membership Dues	2,995.00
Brochure Advertising	1,200.00
Sale of Maps & Charts	227.00
Association Dinners	878.50
Redeposit of Change Advance	15.00
 Total Receipts	 7,815.50
 Total Cash	 \$7,934.79

Disbursements:

Salaries & Wages	2,668.21
Secretary	\$1,139.90
Treasurer	189.60
Booth Attendants	1,338.71
 Federal Social Security & Withholding Taxes	 511.39
State Payroll Taxes	17.37
Association Dinners	856.75
Maps & Charts for Resale	145.50
Meredith News - Brochures & Advt.	986.50
Dues, Donations, & Prizes	55.00
Electricity & Telephone (Information Booth)	239.68
Workmens Comp., Public Liability & Fire Ins.	32.00
W.L.N.H. Radio Advertising	172.00
Postage	155.00
Other Expenses	76.37
Transfer to Building Fund Account	59.50
Fireworks	1,000.00
 Total Disbursements	 \$6,975.27

Bank Balance - September 30, 1972	959.52
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MEREDITH CIVIC ASSOCIATION BUILDING FUND

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1971

Bank Balance - October 1, 1971	\$ 9.38
Total Available Cash	9.38
Transfers from Regular Commercial Account	59.50
Bank Balance - September 30, 1972	\$ 68.88

Bruce U. Sanderson,
Treasurer

1972 Police Report

A detailed report of the police activities for the year of 1972 is herewith submitted, including a break-down of court cases.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman R. Martin
Chief of Police

Detailed Report of Police Activity 1972

Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated 148, Injured 35, Fatal 1 Pedestrian.
Motorcycles 6, Snow Machines 2, Pedestrians 3.
One car accidents 35, Two car 105, Three car 7, Four car 1.
State Roads 70, Town Roads 57, Parking Lots 20, On Lake 1, ice covered.
Court Cases, Result of Accidents 22.
Homicides 1, Suicides 1, Attempted Suicides 2, Sudden Deaths 2,
Asphyxiation 3.
Complaints Investigated 1,617, Shooting Complaints 23, Mini Bikes 32
Snowmobiles 38.
Burglary: Summer Homes 37, Business Places 3, Subjects Apprehended 3.
Malicious Damage 55, Apprehended 6.
Stolen Items 59, Recovered 8, Subjects Apprehended 4.
Lost Items Reported 35, Returned to Owners 10.
Found Items 45, Returned to Owners 38.
Missing Persons 30, Located 30.
Mission Persons Located for other Departments 4.
Wanted Persons Located for other Departments 10.

Services Rendered For:

Other Police Departments, Motorist, etc. 986.
Gasoline for Motorist 43, Changing Tires 8, Other assists 63.
Assisted Sick or Injured 77, Escort to Hospital 16, Clinic 22, Hospital 13,
Assisted Ambulance 11, Miscellaneous 7, State Hospital 3.
Traffic control at Traffic Lights Heavy Traffic - 25.
Traffic at Intersection of Meredith Neck Road & Route 25, - 17.
Traffic at Intersection of Route 104 & Route 2, - 3.

Policing Leavitt Park 14.

Parking Cars at Brown's Boat Basin for Camp Nokomis 3.

Carnival, Route 25 near Shopping Center 14.

Correspondence 240.

Inter-Lakes School District: Teen Dances, Day Care Center Dinner Dance, Health Career Club Dance 2, Senior Class Dance, Inter-Lakes Year Book Staff Dance, Basketball, Girls State Play-offs 2, Boys Games 13, Cheer Leader contest 1, Senior Play 2, Donkey Basketball 1, Children crossing at Main and Waukewan Streets 143, School Meeting 1, Escort Lake George, N.Y. High School Band from town line to Inter-Lakes High School, Baccalaureate and Graduation.

Turning lights off at Prescott Park 18

Funerals, traffic 32

Church Traffic 91.

Weddings, traffic duty 5.

Fires 44, False Alarms 17.

Lights indicating heating systems out of order 11.

Doors found unlocked, windows open etc. 112.

Merchants to Bank 237, Bank to Post Office 1.

Subjects taken to jail for safe keeping 73, Industrial School 3.

Family Problems 62.

Notices 223, Miscellaneous 196, Death 12, Sickness 15.

Animals:

Dog Complaints 167, Cases turned over to Dog Officers 37, Reported Lost 39, Found 47, Injured by car 9, taken to Vets 5, Killed by Car 12, Taken to Humane Society 26, Restrained 11, Bitten by Dogs 7, Annoying People 54, Caused Accident 1, Returned to Owners 39, Damage to Property 5, Chasing Deer 13, Resulting in Court 5.

Other Animal Complaints, Cats 16, Taken to Humane Society 3, Cows & Horses in Highway 13, Deer killed by cars 7, Racoon Complaints 3, Pigs, Ducks, Squirrels, Bats and one person complained of a Hippopotamus on his porch.

Miscellaneous:

Memorial Day Parade, Advent Church Parade from Town Docks to Church, Town Meeting 1, Primaries 1, Election 1, Music Festivals 12, Collection from Jimmy Fund Containers and Softball Game \$154.61 for Jimmy Fund., Halloween & Christmas Parties for Youngsters, Blood to Concord at State Lab. for Alcohol Content 18, Fireworks Display, Auctions 3, Vehicles towed off streets 27, Police Meetings 19, Christmas lights On & Off 29. Police Schools: Seminars attended 3, Advance First Aid 2, Six Weeks State Police School 1, Breathalyzer Operator School 2, six attended classes at Lakes Region General Hospital training to conduct Cardiopulmonary resuscitation for heart attacks. One attended 3 week course at NEACP Training Institute, Babson College. Three attended a three day session on Crime Scene Search in Belmont, N.H., Two attended a two week course on Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs, Two are attending night school twice a week at Saint Anselms College.

1972 Police Report

COURT — 1972

Motor Vehicle

Speed (Radar 78)	
Yellow Line Violation	
Stop Sign & Red Light	
Fail to Yield Right of Way	
Fail to Keep Right	
Backing into Highway	
Wrong Way, One Way Traffic	
Following Too Closely	
Passing on Right	
Driving While Intoxicated	
Operating to Endanger	
Leaving Scene of Accident	
Disorderly Conduct with Car	
Operating W-O License	
Allow to Operate W-O License	
Displaying an Altered License	
Displaying an Improper Lic.	
Operating after Susp. or Rev.	
Op. without Financial Resp.	
Op. Unregistered Vehicle	
Misuse of Plates	
Uninspected Vehicle	
Defective Equipment	
Op. M.C. without face protection or Helmet	
Op. without Eye Glasses	
Unsafe Tires	
Taking Car W-O Owners Consent	
Fail to Stop for School Bus	
Fail to Stop for Police officer	
Fail to Answer a Summons	
Littering Highway	
Spillage from vehicle on Road	

Criminal

123 Assault & Battery	3
33 Larceny	10
26 Concealment of Merchandise	2
3 Fraudulent Checks	5
1 Burglary	3
2 False Statement in leasing 1 a vehicle	1
4 Fraud (false pretenses)	1
2 Disorderly Conduct	1
18 Derisive Words	1
1 Drunkenness	9
1 Drinking Liquor in Public	
22 Place (Town Ordinance)	2
5 Illegal Possession	57
5 Procuring Beer for Minors	5
1 Possession of Marijuana	1
1 Non-Support	2
6 Juvenile Delinquents	5
2 Neglected Children	2
12 Fail to abate Dog Nuisance	3
6 Unlicensed Dogs	2
24 Cruelty to Animals	1
7 Discharging Fire Crackers	
13	117
1	
16 Court cases resulting from 5 accidents.	23
2	
2 Appeal Cases	4
3	
1 Testified before Grand Jury	3
1	

Meredith Fire Department

During the year 1972, the Fire Department answered a total of 71 alarms. There were 7 building fires, 3 trailer fires, 7 chimney fires, 5 electrical and oil burner fires, 13 car and tractor fires, 2 mattress fires, 1 grease fire, 1 ruptured gas line call, 1 snowmobile fire, 6 false alarms, 16 mutual aid calls and 9 miscellaneous calls.

The Fire Department has received delivery of six more home alerting devices in 1972, bringing the total up to twenty-six, for the use of your firefighters to respond to all fire calls.

During the year 1972, a mobile aid radio, on the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid frequency, was installed on Engine No. 1, so that we now have two trucks equipped with this frequency, the mobile set on Engine No. 3 having been installed in 1970.

In closing, again we wish to thank all employees and residents of the Town for all the assistance given us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERMAN B. CARTER
Chief

VERNAL C. BUCKLIN
1st Assistant Chief

JOHN W. BRYANT, JR.
2nd Assistant Chief

Report of the Forest Fire Warden and District Chief

Lest We Forget - It Can Happen Here

In New Hampshire, forest fire control is a cooperative State-town program. The Town Forest Fire Warden, appointed by the Director, Division of Resources Development upon recommendation of the Selectmen and the State's District Forest Fire Chief is responsible for fire suppression and other related duties. The State shares equally with the town in the cost of most forest fires, except illegal and careless fires, which are charged to the responsible party. The State further provides fire detection services, prevention programs. Fire training for town wardens and crews, and back up equipment for fire suppression.

By authority of the State, the Town Forest Fire Warden controls all outside burning in his town except backyard cooking fires. Any person wishing to kindle a fire when the ground is not covered with snow must obtain a fire permit, free of cost, from the Town Forest Fire Warden. No permits will be issued for fires between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. unless it is raining. Except for commercial purposes.

Please be careful when using fires, remember it can be an extremely useful tool when under control but once allowed to run wild it can become a disastrous and devastating force. Only you can prevent a forest fire.

Number of fires reported and acres burned — 1972 season:

STATE	410 — 361 acres burned
DISTRICT	36 fires — 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres burned
TOWN	4 fires — 1 acre burned

**BRAD SPRAGUE
Forest Fire Warden**

**HERBERT C. HARTWELL JR.
District Fire Chief**

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31, 1972

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
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1971			
Oct. 22	Jeremy Michael	Kenneth Edward Ambrose	Sandra Lee Taylor
Dec. 15	Irvin Charles	Irvin Charles Sidney	Lois Nora Bliss
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1972			
Jan.			
4	Tonia Lynn	Roger Fredric Sorell	Niki Marlene Clow
6	William David, Jr.	William David MacDonald, Sr.	Gloria Jean Nedeau
19	Melissa Jo	Donald Edward Chickering	Loretta Nanette Bondi
21	Douglas Edward	Harold Wesley Maxham	Barbara Ann Raymond
Feb.			
10	Leslie Bixby III	Leslie Bixby Weeks, Jr.	Mildred Ann Wyatt
Mar.			
5	William Earl	William Bonn Adjutant	Rachael Bernice Hicks
10	Walter Jason	Rodney J. Avery	Madeline A. Boudreau
23	Peter Joseph	Wayne Joseph Richards	Carol Jean White
Apr.			
5	Karen Lynne	Clifton George Kelley	Jean Marie Chandler
13	Jerry Dana, Jr.	Jerry Dana Waldron	Betty Mae Pike
15	William Otho	William Arthur Stokes	Brenda Lee Neill
21	Michele Marion	Dennis James Mudgett	Norma Ellen McGugan
27	Karen Lyn	Richard Delmar Miller	Beth Elcena Hazeltine
27	Karla Marie	Richard Delmar Miller	Beth Elcena Hazeltine
May			
16	Kathleen Mary	John A. Smith	Mildred S. Smith
17	Christopher Allen	Dana Allen Wein	Lynn Rosamond Conway
19	April Jean	Joey Russell Shaw	Theresa Ann Chevalier
25	Jennifer Ann	Wayne Chase	Wendy Ann Robertson
June			
3	Eric Ladd	John Lewis Marden	Mabel Ann Hughes
16	Vivian Marie	Hayward Darwin Price	Sandra Jane Keyser
25	Meg Alissa	Ned Gordon Grant	Priscilla (nmi) Alden
July			
2	Jason Andrew	John Andrew Paschal	Jan Lynn Biggers
15	Alison Kaye	Richard Ivan Pringle	Bertha Rita Beaubien
22	Steven Wayne	Richard Wayne Aiken	Karen Ann Lang
Aug.			
13	James Allan	Bernard Robert Horne	Catherine Charlene Hubbard
21	Kathleen Prescott	John Harley Prescott	Bette Lee Stevens
30	Amalia Mariah	Raleigh Clay Wilkerson	Mary Jane Olson
Sept.			
2	Sarah Katherine	Michael Jonathan Campbell	Rita Kay Griffin
16	Christine Beach	Frederic Beach Meier	Carolyn Susan Dann
18	Carrie Gay	Richard (nmi) Adams	Janice Udeli Thompson
27	Kirk Owen	Keith Albert Mudgett	Gail (nmi) Bucklin
Oct.			
4	Jennifer Lee	Irving Barr Childs	Sharyn Ann Riley
6	Clifford Earl (Jr.)	Clifford Earl Brown	Kathleen Ray Copp
14	Christopher Allen	George Byron Copp	Debra Ann Trudeau
23	Jennifer Ann	Arnold Bruce Hurd	Jacqueline Davis
24	Kimberly Ann	Richard Douglas Baker	Sylvia Ann Danis

Nov.			
11	Herbert Emil III	Herbert Emil Johnson, Jr.	Linda Jean Monteith
20	Kyle Darin	Keith Gordon True	Adrienne Elaine Biddiscombe
21	Ryan James	David L. French	Marie A. Biddiscombe
Dec.			
2	Mark Edward	Roger Michael Nash	Ellen May Thibault
15	Craig Daniel	William Maurice Copp	Genevieve Ann Beach
16	Darin Michael	David Charles Hayes	Christine Iris Bolduc
17	Scott Allan	Robert Joseph Thibeault	Brenda Louise Beach
17	Robert Edward	Mike Szoke	Nancy Lou Shaw
19	Jill Leona	Basil Leon Richardson	Loralee Jackson
23	Rose Marie	Fernand Joseph Duquette	Diane Leah Clark
24	Kevin Daniel	F. Paul Champaigne	Barbara Jane Monteith
28	Cindy Lee	Bradford Allyn Potter	Kathleen Mary Hemmer

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31, 1972

Date	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age of Each	Name and Residence of Persons by Whom Married
1972				
Feb.				
4	Richard W. Aiken Karen A. Lang	Meredith Meredith	19 16	C. H. Straw, J.P. Meredith, N.H.
19	Arthur E. Emery Nancy Brazeau	Meredith Meredith	46 34	George W. Stafford, J.P. Laconia, N.H.
Mar.				
11	Steve K. Carder Ok Hui Choe	Meredith Meredith	21 28	C. H. Straw, J.P. Meredith, N.H.
24	Ronald E. Shaw Peggy Jo White	Meredith Belmont	19 19	Calvin D. Brown, J.P. Belmont, N.H.
25	Harold Lorenzo Lawrence Francine Ann Adrignola	Laconia Meredith	29 19	Rev. Gerard Noel, Meredith, N.H.
Apr.				
15	Peter John Howlett Audrey Mae Haddock	Meredith Meredith	32 17	C. H. Straw, J.P. Meredith, N.H.
22	Michael F. Isabelle Patrice M. Dunn	Meredith Meredith	25 19	Rev. Gerard Noel Meredith, N.H.
May				
6	George Alfred Rogers Sandra Weeks Hughes	Laconia Meredith	38 39	Charles A. Crocco, J.P. Dover, N.H.
13	Robert H. DeMaci Theresa A. Roux	Meredith Meredith	35 44	Rev. Gerard Noel Meredith, N.H.
20	Neil Marshall MacDonald, Sr. Dale Arlene King	Meredith Plymouth	30 19	Rev. Philip M. Poilemuss Plymouth, N.H.
27	David C. Smith Nancy S. Olsen	Gilford Meredith	22 19	Rev. Joseph D. Parkman Meredith, N.H.
27	Russell French Sackett Marjorie Miriam Holland	Springfield, Mass. Newton, Mass.	24 24	Rev. William A. Zeckhausen Laconia, N.H.
June				
3	Stephen E. Gunther Christine L. Ranes	Severna Park, Md. Severna Park, Md.	19 20	Rev. Gerard Noel Meredith, N.H.
5	Sheperd F. Brown Edith L. Clark	Meredith, N.H. Meredith, N.H.	88 61	Colin A. Norberg Laconia, N.H.
24	Wayne George Kelley, Jr. Barbara Jean Chase	Meredith Meredith	24 17	C. H. Straw, J.P. Meredith, N.H.
July				
1	Kenneth William Dorais Judith Ellen Pettingill	Meredith Center Harbor	24 20	Rev. M. Dean Roth Center Sandwich, N.H.
1	James A. Haire Pamela L. Riley	Meredith Laconia	19 19	Rev. Harold R. Patterson Meredith, N.H.
8	John E. Paquette Patricia A. Boulanger	Meredith Meredith	20 26	C. H. Straw, J.P. Meredith, N.H.
13	Benjamin J. Wyatt Leyvonne Golphin	Meredith Meredith	19 18	C. H. Straw, J.P. Meredith, N.H.
15	Alan P. Ruel Ellen J. Robertson	Meredith Meredith	18 18	Rev. Miller C. Lovett Laconia, N.H.
26	Clifford E. Harvey Charlene Mae	Meredith Meredith	24 15	Kenneth C. Smith, Sr., J.P. Moultonboro, N.H.
Aug.				
12	Stephen George Kaiser Geri Tinker Nickerson	Melrose, Mass. Melrose, Mass.	23 25	Rev. John R. Schroeder Melrose, Mass.
12	Anthony W. Pike Gloria H. Rollins	Meredith Meredith	19 17	Rev. Myron H. Rettberg, Jr., Meredith, N.H.

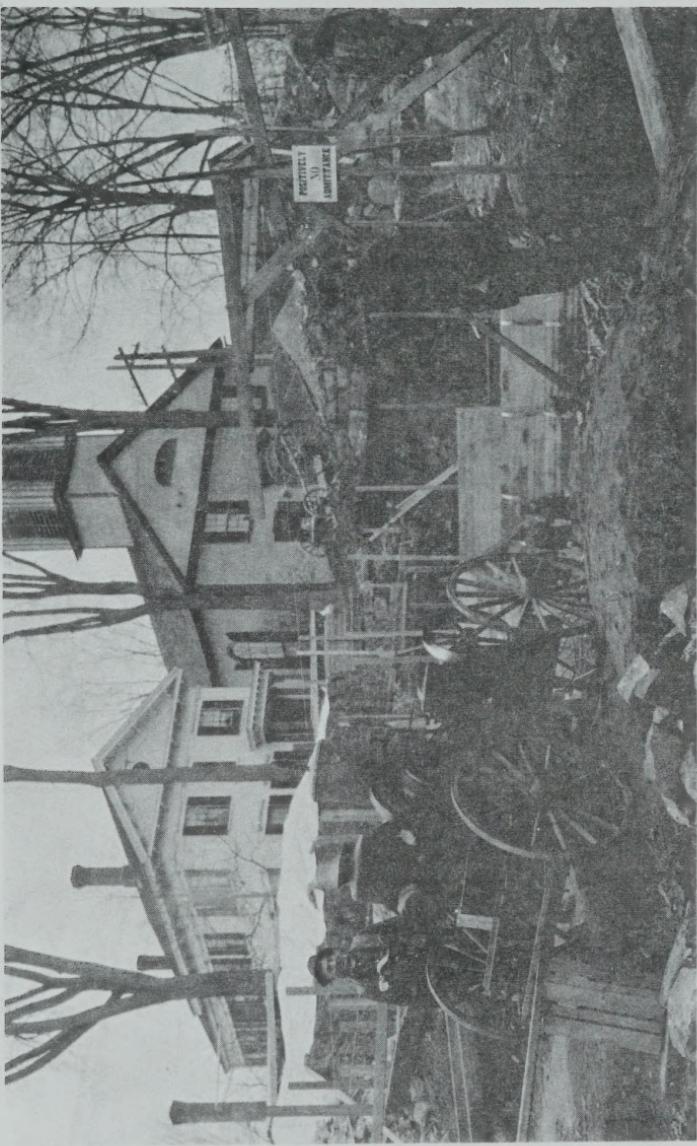
19	James C. Currin Linda A. Cobb	Meredith Laconia	23 Rev. Wallace Whitmer Anderson 22 Center Sandwich, N.H.
19	David Allan Chisholm Susan Gail Bolduc	Meredith Laconia	22 Rev. Richard E. McQuade 21 Braintree, Mass.
25	Charles Alton Weeks Louise Marie Isabelle	Meredith Laconia	23 George Chicoine 21 Laconia, N.H.
26	James W. Maxwell Sylvia Jane Miller	Essex, Mass. Meredith	29 Ralph I. Maxwell, J.P. 20 Franklin, N.H.
26	Richard Staubitz Judith A. Bertholet	Staten Island, N.Y. Meredith	36 Rev. Joseph D. Parkman 20 Meredith, N.H.
Sept.			
8	Paul J. Hilliard Sandra Elizabeth Miner	Meredith	21 Rev. Myron H. Rettberg, Jr. 18 Meredith, N.H.
15	Robert J. Cardosi Nancy Lee Hovey	Siesta Isles, Fla. Siesta Isles, Fla.	58 Charlotte H. Straw, J.P. 62 Meredith, N.H.
16	Ralph E. Watson Cindi J. Rice	Meredith	21 Rev. Myron H. Rettberg, Jr. 19 Meredith, N.H.
Oct.			
1	Erle V. Pocock Lucille N. Holloway	Meredith Orfordville	65 Rev. Myron H. Rettberg, Jr. 63 Meredith, N.H.
6	David Earle Prescott Kathryn Anne Fligg	Meredith Plymouth	34 Robert W. Lamson 23 Ashland, N.H.
7	Douglas Frank Smith Melanie June Manville	Meredith Center Harbor	20 Rev. George F. Jackson, Jr. 18 Center Harbor, N.H.
8	Arnold Earle Piper Janice K. Lloyd	Meredith	33 Rev. George F. Jackson, Jr. 29 Center Harbor, N.H.
14	William L. Gagne Julie A. Blanchette	Meredith	36 Jennie M. Romprey, J.P. 21 Belmont, N.H.
21	Chester F. Sirles, Jr. Debra A. Raymond	Meredith Tilton	18 Rev. W. J. Regan 18 Tilton, N.H.
27	Everett B. Ricker, Jr. Terry L. Goss	Laconia Meredith	21 William A. Zeckhausen 19 Laconia, N.H.
Nov.			
4	Paul Joseph Syvinski Rejeanne Louise Vallieres	Meredith Laconia	32 Rev. Gerard Noel 21 Meredith, N.H.
25	William Floyd Shene Nancy Virginia Wormald	Westfield, Mass. Brockton, Mass.	23 Joseph D. Parkman 25 Meredith, N.H.
Dec.			
28	Charles Reid Howe Louis May Brown	Meredith Northfield	22 Charles C. Williams, J.P. 18 Tilton, N.H.

DEATHS

**Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31, 1972**

Date of Death	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Occupation
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1972				
Jan.				
2	Bella C. Mowers	86	Canada	Housewife
7	Ralph G. Wiren	87	Maine	Manager Clothing Store-Ref.
11	Esther L. Bradbury	78	New Hampshire	At Home
16	Elmer A. Turner	66	Massachusetts	Elec. Engineer-Ref.
17	Henry J. Greemore	77	Vermont	Baker
17	Lillian B. Bickford	87	New Hampshire	Housewife
24	Clifford F. Ulm	59	Connecticut	Owner & Operator Sport Shop
Feb.				
6	Lillian May Potter	85	Vermont	Laborer
18	Flora Ladd Witham	84	Vermont	Housewife
26	Phillip Haddock	50	New Hampshire	Farmer
28	Mabel V. Meehan	90	Massachusetts	Housewife
Mar.				
9	David B. Helm	99	Switzerland	
15	Caroline B. Chambers	59	Connecticut	Housewife
26	Victor Chas. Kimball	25	New Hampshire	Unemployed
Apr.				
6	Florence Harvey	58	New Hampshire	Weaver
12	Ralph Kimball	72	New Hampshire	
15	Walter B. Way	64	New Hampshire	Laborer
16	Stanley C. Allen, Jr.	29	New Jersey	N. E. Merchants Bank
Apr.				
16	Gail Allen	1	Massachusetts	None
19	Carolyn E. Allen	28	Massachusetts	
May				
6	Lloyd R. Bishop	54	Massachusetts	Maj. USAF - Ret.
18	Frances D. Jones	69	New Hampshire	Cook
20	Martha Ellen Stafford	18	New Hampshire	Student
28	Mabel Douglas Hilliard	94	New Hampshire	Hosiery Millworker - Ret.
June				
7	Albert V. Sprague	85	New Hampshire	Fireman-Ref.
9	Albert Griffin	87	Canada	Laborer
12	David G. MacDonald	44	Vermont	Mechanic
28	Ethel Caroline Johnson	75	Massachusetts	Housewife
July				
11	Beryl V. Tappan	97	New Hampshire	Housewife
18	Jeannette W. Dow	87	Massachusetts	Housewife
20	Blanche C. Wardwell	85	New Hampshire	Reg. Nurse
22	Rev. Eugene Dinsmore Dolloff	82	New Hampshire	Minister - Ret.
24	Eunice May Day	85	Missouri	Housewife
Aug.				
8	Rose Ashton Lavine	74	Canada	None
24	Frances G. Nedeau	54	New Hampshire	Housewife
26	Lloyd A. Boothby	59	Maine	Truck Driver
28	Harold Elwin Kenyon	84	Rhode Island	Draftsman- Ref.
31	Francis Hugh O'Brien	62	Massachusetts	Postal Service- Ret.
Sept.				
8	Constance Ann Booska	23	New Hampshire	None
8	John Vallier	85	New Hampshire	Laborer
8	Eva M. Montgomery	75	New Hampshire	Housewife
11	Celia McCutcheon	86	New Hampshire	Housewife
16	Doris M. Maloney	61	New Hampshire	
19	Florence Morrison Collins	87	New Hampshire	Housewife
21	Lena Cote	60	New Hampshire	Housewife
21	Junia H. Irish	83	Maine	Clerk- Ret.

Oct.				
1	Richard W. Kimball	44	New Hampshire	Plant Foreman
5	Cora A. Sanborn	78	Canada	Housewife
6	Theresa O'Neil	82	New Hampshire	
25	Edna C. Wakefield	79	New Hampshire	Housewife
Nov.				
7	Harry Bradner Culver	61	New York	Merchandise Manager
9	Meddie O. Daigneau	91	Canada	Laborer-Ret.
15	Morris E. Goss, Sr.	57	New Hampshire	Garage Owner
15	Lena M. Dolloff	64	New Hampshire	Housewife
29	Patrick L. Ruel	69	New Hampshire	Barber-Ret.
Dec.				
1	Florence M. Piper	77	New Hampshire	Cook
2	Grace Sarah Ford	52	New Hampshire	Housewife
8	Raymond A. Harvey	61	New Hampshire	Night Watchman
25	Henry Lorenzo Allard	76	New Hampshire	Fireman, Policeman, Custodian
26	Phyllis M. Hartford	62	Maine	Rest Home Operator
31	Marjorie W. Scott	62	New Hampshire	R.N.
31	Emma B. Smith	79	New Hampshire	Housekeeper



Meredith Village Savings Bank Building (now the Municipal Building) under construction in 1924.
It was purchased by the Town in 1958.

Notes

TOWN OF MEREDITH

Emergency Calls

TO REPORT FIRES

524-1545

Other Emergency Numbers

DOCTORS	HOSPITALS	AMBULANCES
Inter-Lakes Medical Center (Dr. Thomas Nadeau) (Dr. Jay Vazifdar)		279-4587
Meredith Medical Clinic (Dr. Charles J. Cataldo)		279-6637
Lakes Region General Hospital		524-3211
Kemp-Symonds Ambulance		279-4431

POISON INFORMATION CENTER

Hanover	643-4000
Boston	617-232-2120

POLICE — FIRE OFFICIALS

Meredith Police Department (Nights and Weekends)	279-4530 524-3830
State Police (Moultonboro)	476-5582
State Police (Concord)	271-3636
Forest Fire Warden (Burning Permits)	279-6148
Civil Defense Director	279-6031

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